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The Doll Man



Big Boy Nast was a clever crook... a genius at evil-doing! In spite of all the police could do, he might have carried out his plan to reorganize the underworld! But Nast never learned one important fact! Because he didn't know Darrel Dane, brilliant young scientist, was also the **DOLL MAN**, Big Boy's empire of crime collapsed in the face of law and order! Only Dr. Roberts and his daughter, Martha share the secret of the **DOLL MAN**, pint-sized protagonist for the forces of good!

An exclusive conference begins in an unsavory neighborhood...

I CALLED THIS CONFERENCE TO MAKE A PROPOSAL TO THE OUTSTANDING RACKETEERS OF THIS COMMUNITY!

JUST WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, MAKIN' PROPOSALS?



SHUT UP AND LISTEN A MINUTE, WAXY! CRIME IS ALMOST AT A STAND- STILL IN THIS CITY BECAUSE OF THE DOLL MAN... BUT I CAN PUT YOU BACK IN BUSINESS!

IT'S EASY TO TALK, NAST! NO- BOD- Y CAN GET THE BEST OF THE DOLL MAN!



NOBODY EXCEPT BIG BOY NAST! PUT YOUR AFFAIRS IN MY HANDS, GENTLEMEN... I'LL GUARANTEE YOU'LL ALL GET RICH!

IF YOU WANT TO BE BOSS OF OUR RACKETS, YOU'LL HAVE TO PROVE YOU'RE MAN ENOUGH!

ATTABOY, WAXY!



WE WON'T TAKE ORDERS FROM YOU UNTIL YOU SHOW US WHAT YOU CAN DO!

VERY WELL, GENTLEMEN! YOU NAME IT... I'LL DO IT!



CATCH THE DOLL MAN, NAST! IF YOU DO THAT, YOU'LL BE OUR CHIEF!

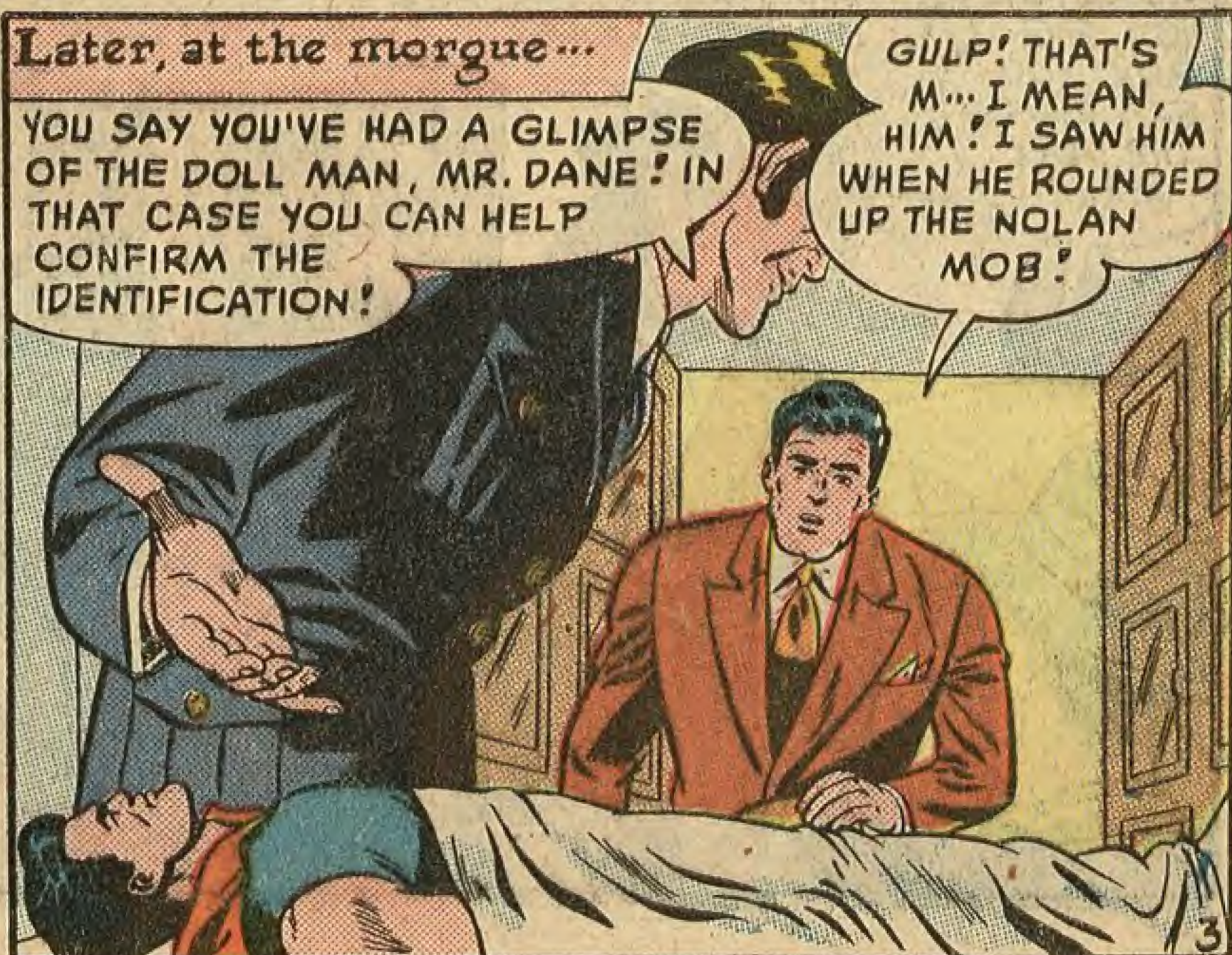
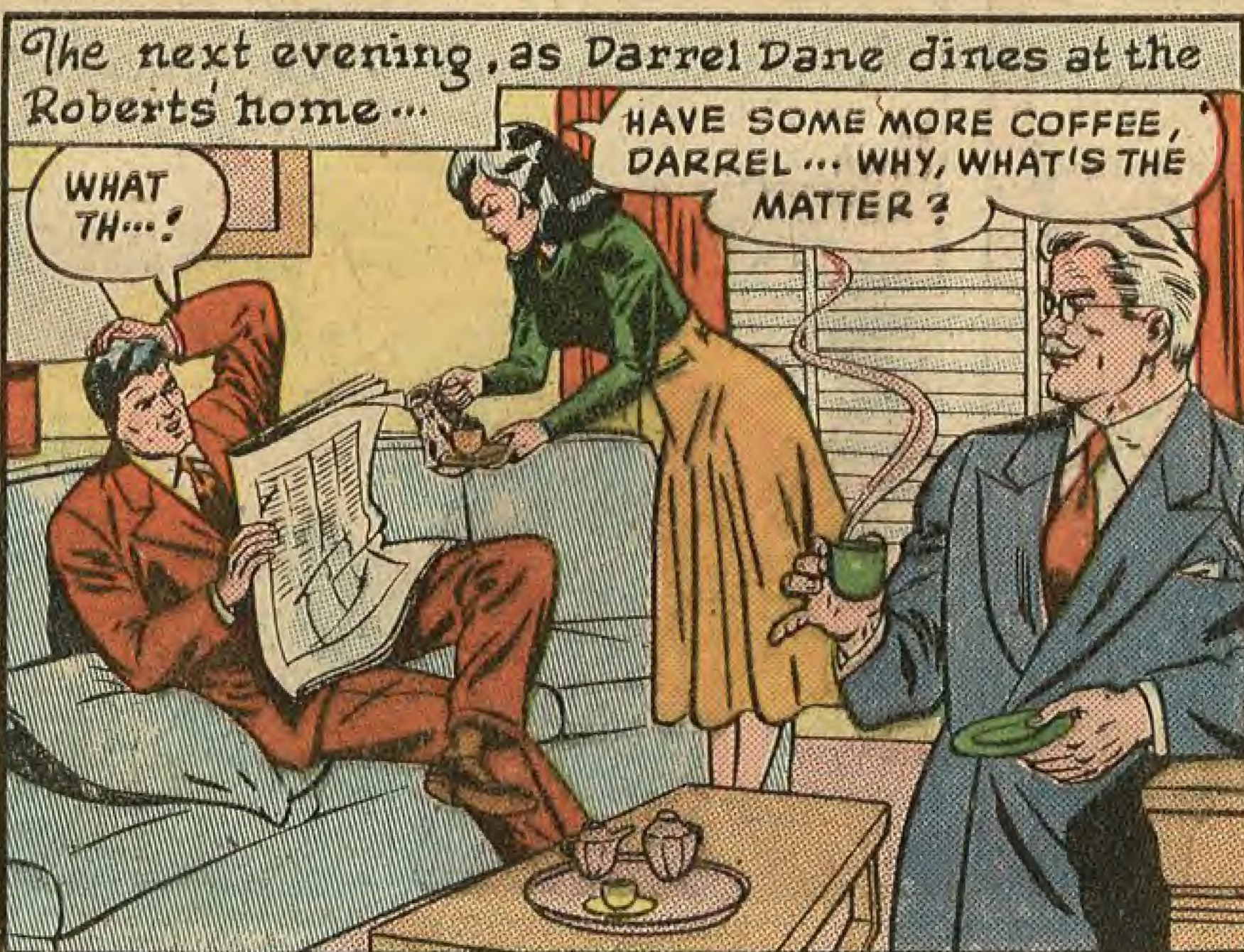
IT'S A BARGAIN!



MEET ME HERE TOMORROW NIGHT AT THE SAME TIME... I'LL HAVE THE DOLL MAN!

THAT'S RICH! THE GUY MUST BE NUTS!





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The Doll Man exerts all of his concentrated strength...

SOMETHING'S BEGINNING TO GIVE!

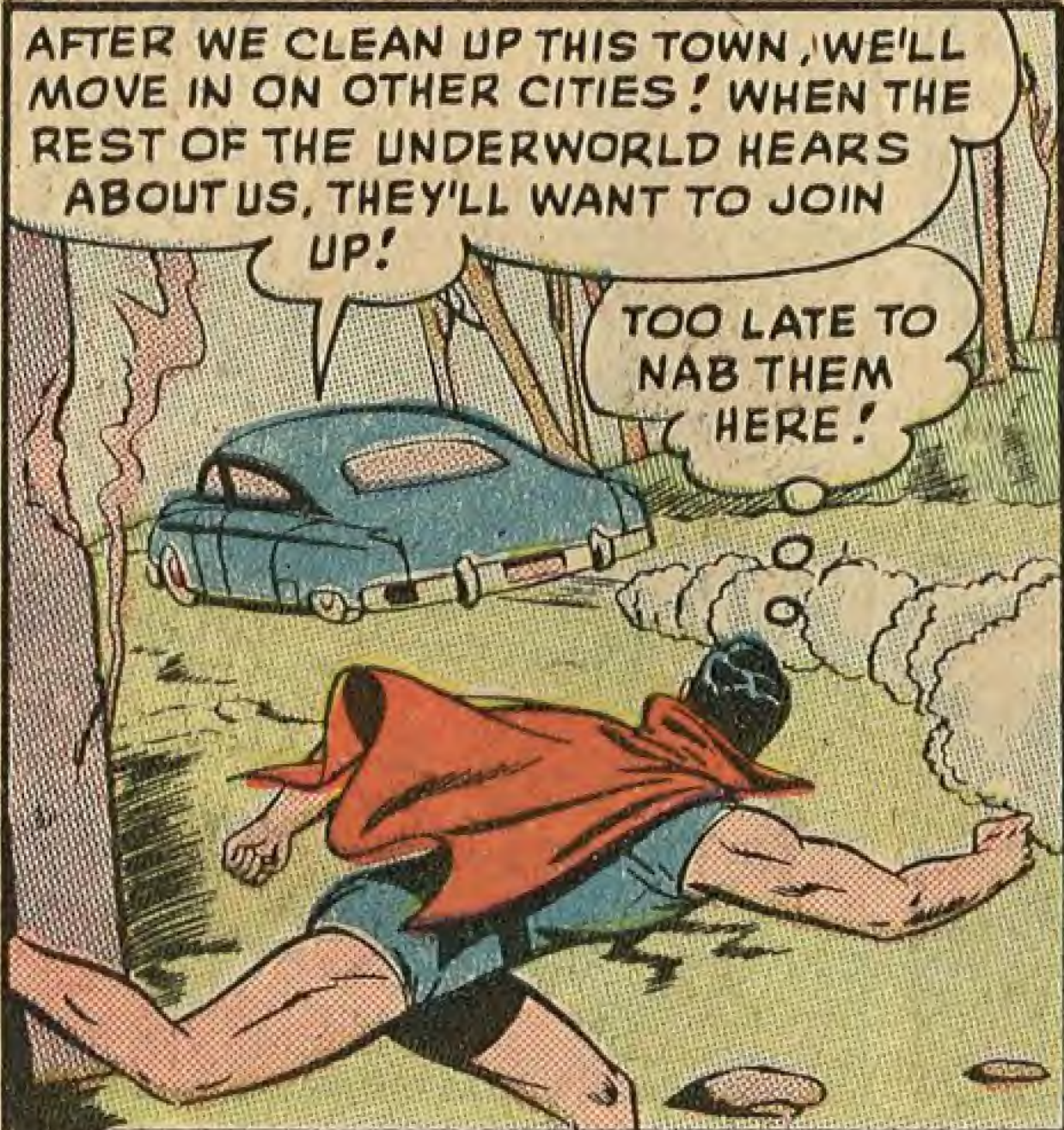


NOW TO PUT THE HEAT ON THOSE CROOKS!



AFTER WE CLEAN UP THIS TOWN, WE'LL MOVE IN ON OTHER CITIES! WHEN THE REST OF THE UNDERWORLD HEARS ABOUT US, THEY'LL WANT TO JOIN UP!

TOO LATE TO NAB THEM HERE!



Soon...

WE'LL START WITH THIS BANK! IT SHOULD BE A CINCH!

OUR GUYS ARE WORKING ON ALL THE BANKS IN TOWN AT THE MOMENT!

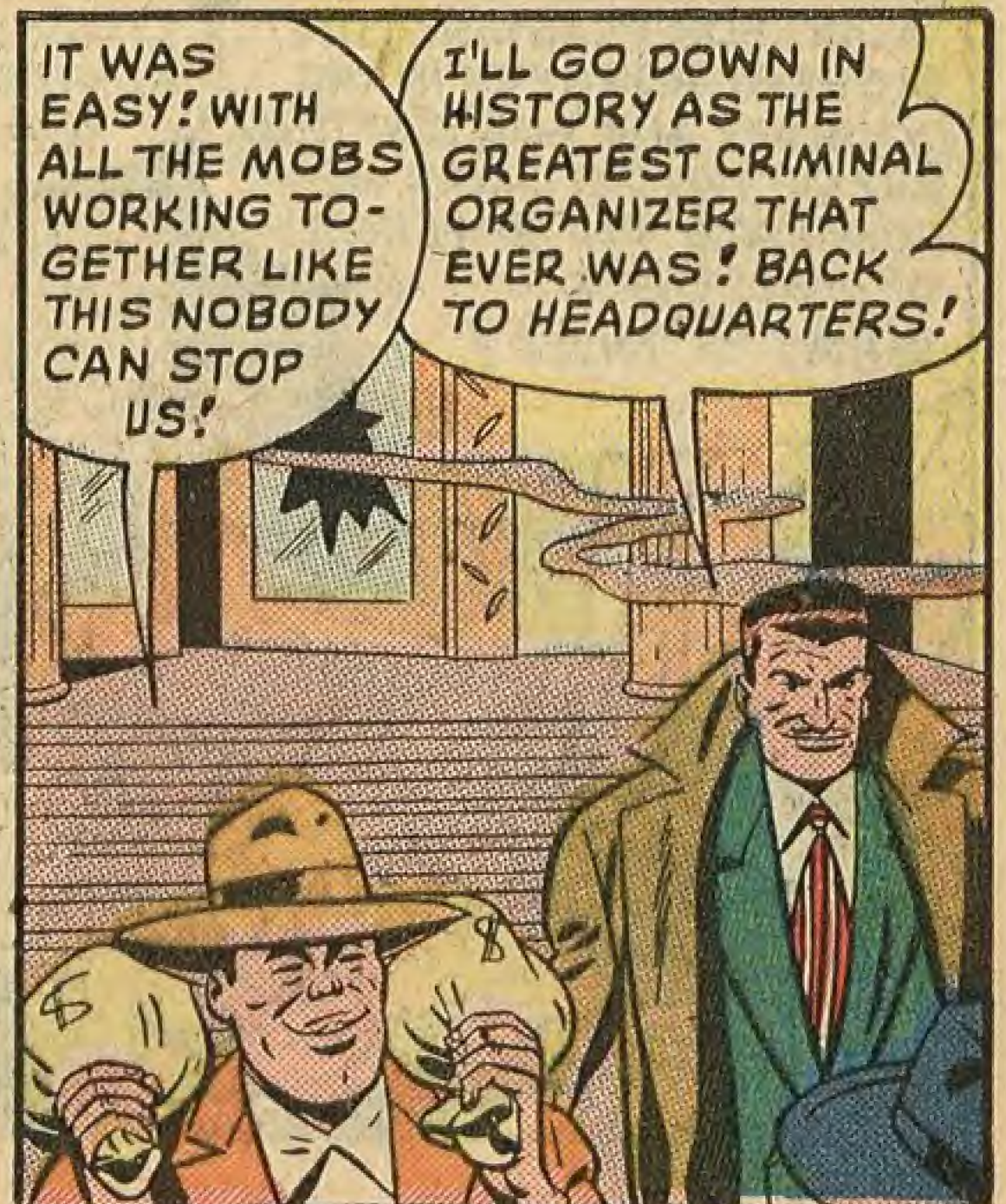


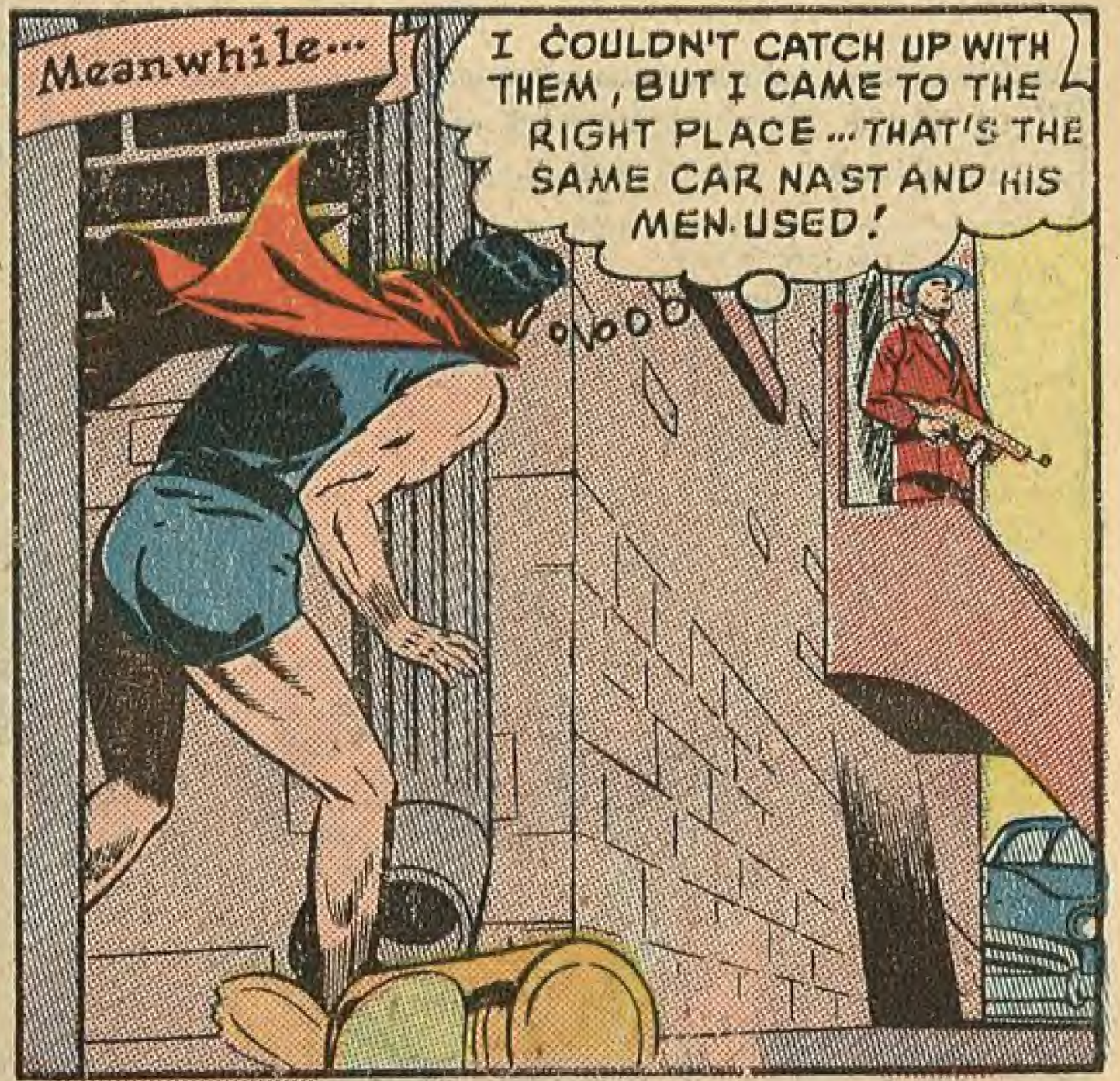
OKAY, BOYS...TELL THOSE TELLERS OFF! SINCE WE SPREAD THE WORD THAT THE DOLL MAN DIED, THE POLICE ARE OUT ROUNDING UP KNOWN CRIMINALS, LEAVING PLACES LIKE THESE UNGUARDED!

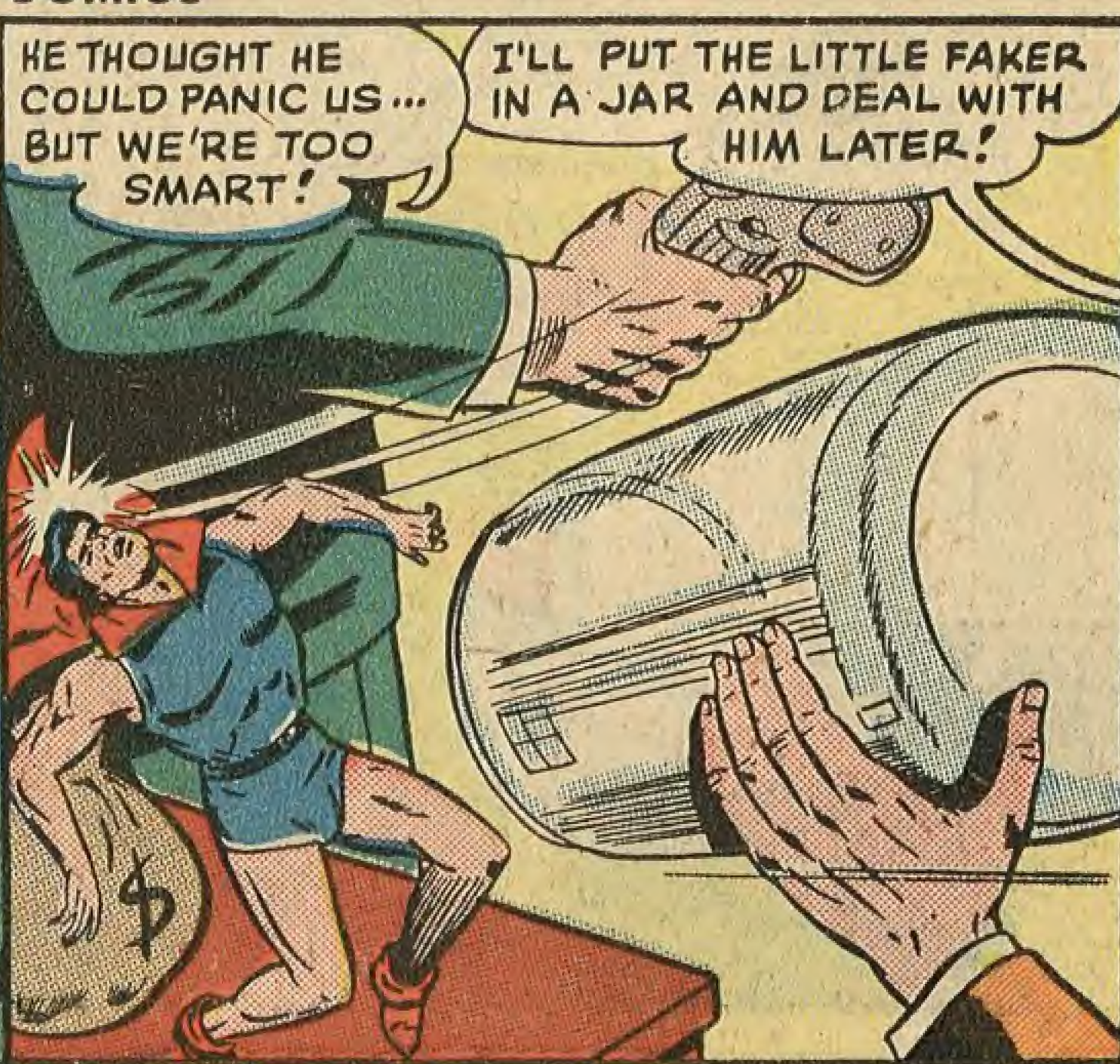
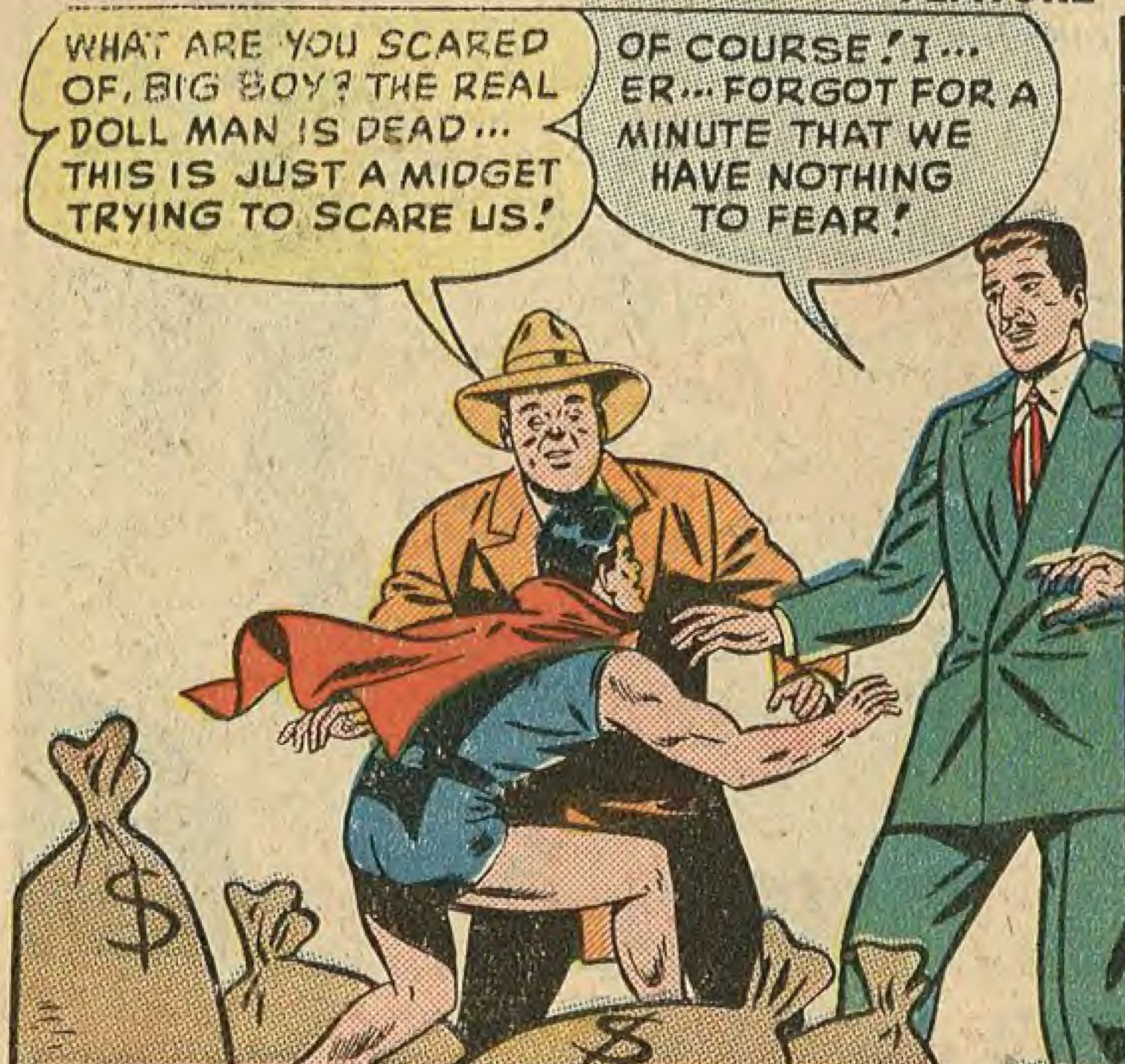


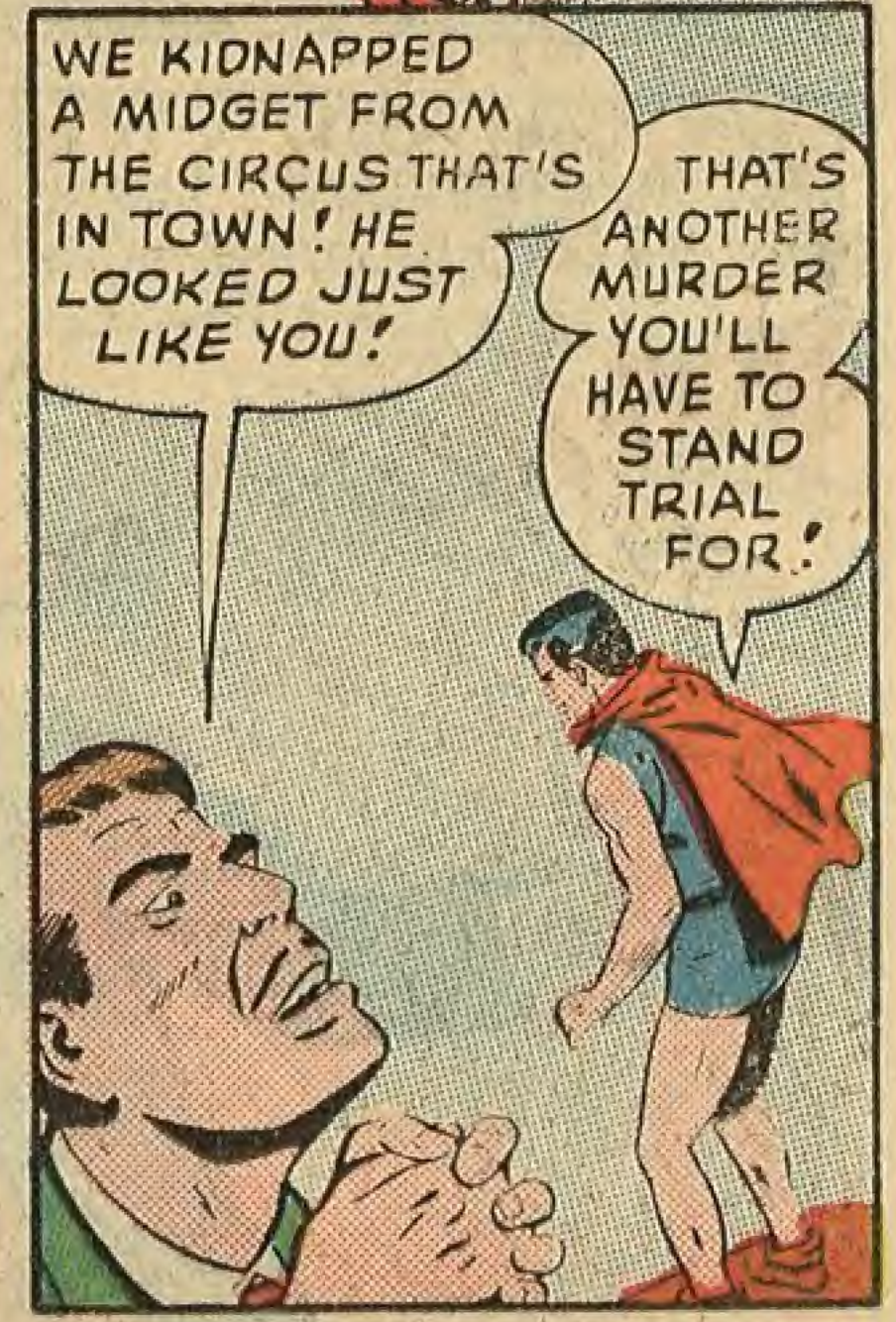
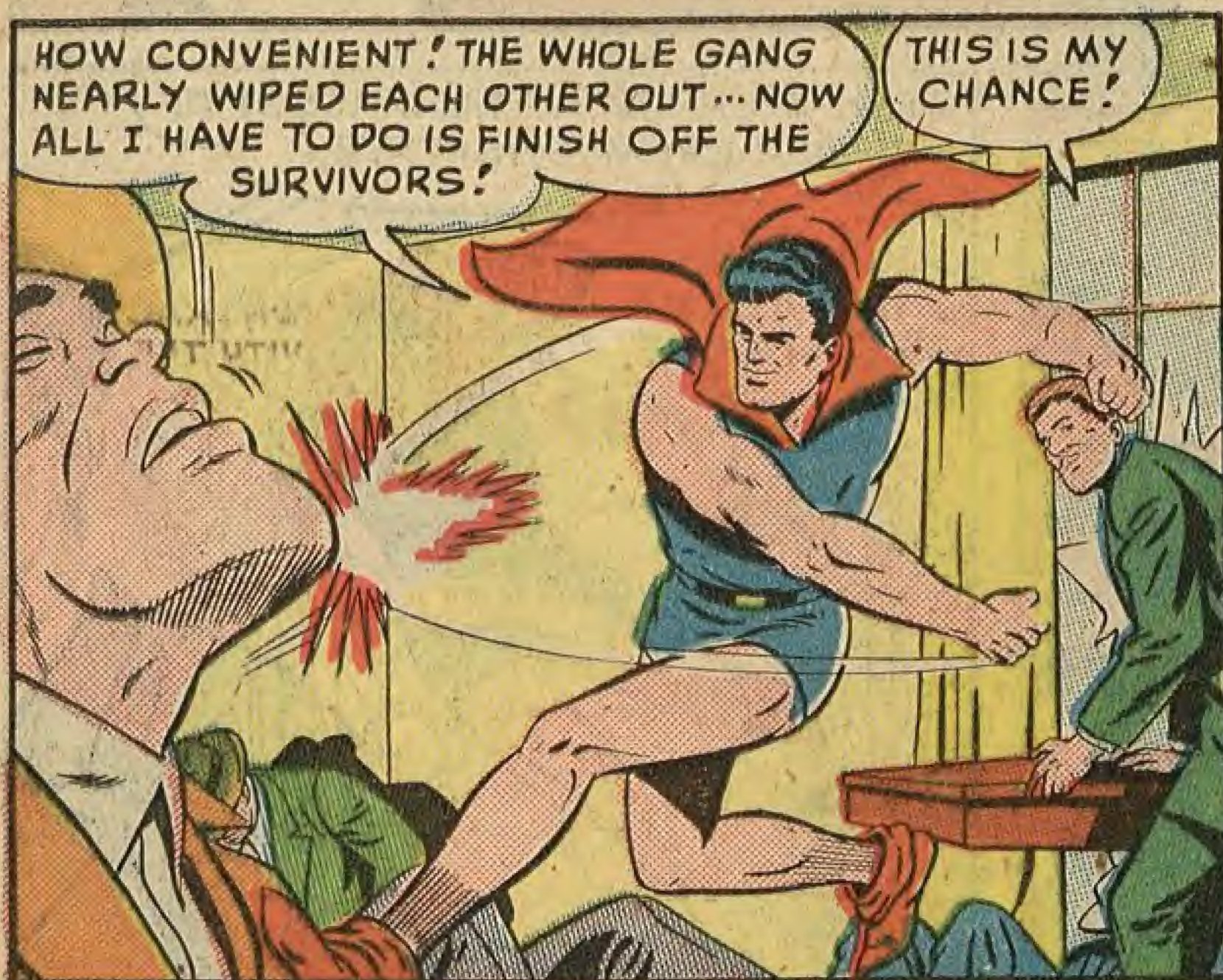
IT WAS EASY! WITH ALL THE MOBS WORKING TOGETHER LIKE THIS NOBODY CAN STOP US!

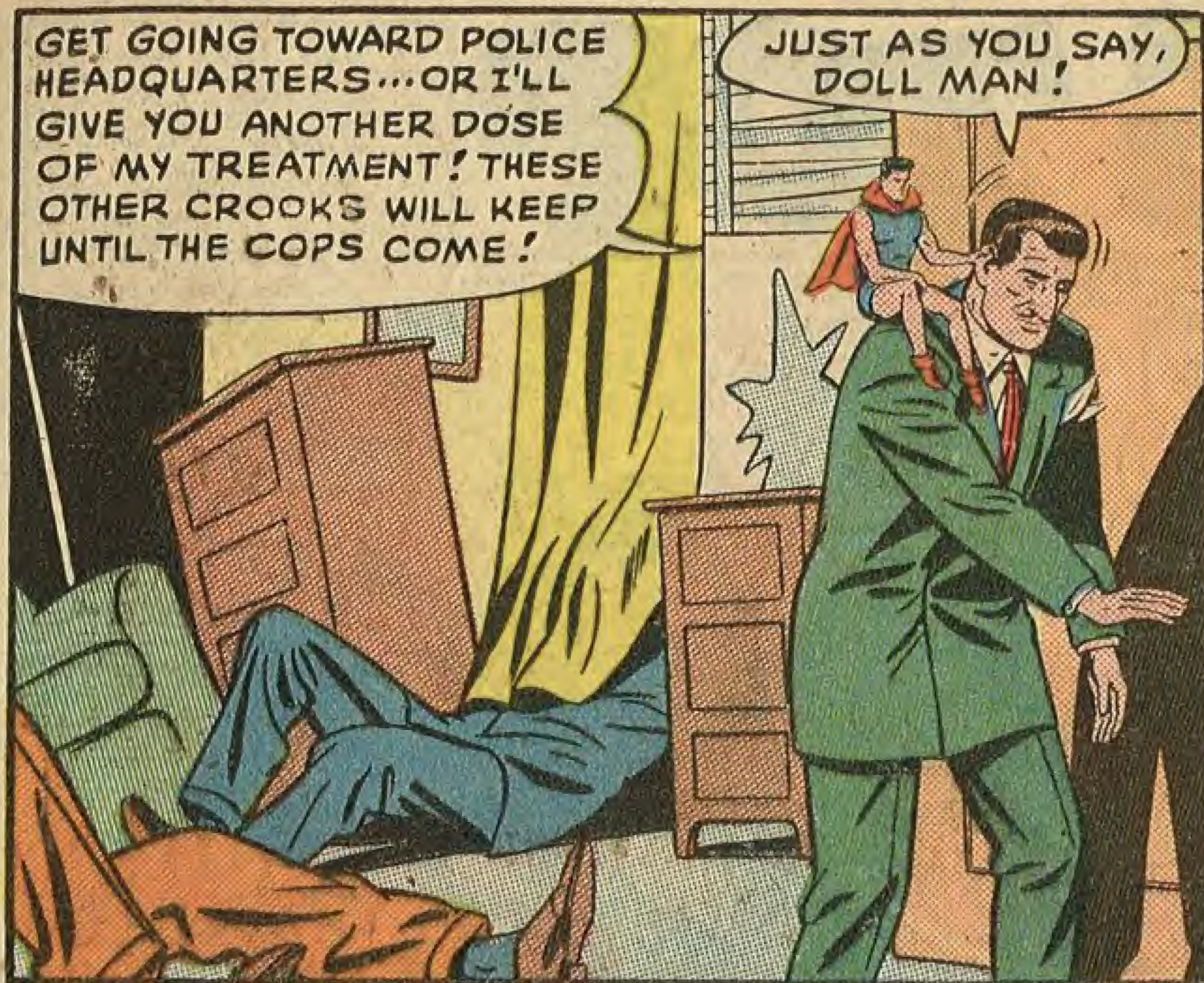
I'LL GO DOWN IN HISTORY AS THE GREATEST CRIMINAL ORGANIZER THAT EVER WAS! BACK TO HEADQUARTERS!











GET GOING TOWARD POLICE HEADQUARTERS...OR I'LL GIVE YOU ANOTHER DOSE OF MY TREATMENT! THESE OTHER CROOKS WILL KEEP UNTIL THE COPS COME!

JUST AS YOU SAY, DOLL MAN!



HERE WE ARE! I EXPECT YOU TO MAKE A FULL CONFESSION!

I'M THE OWNER OF THE CIRCUS THAT OPENED HERE LAST NIGHT! I WANT TO REPORT A KIDNAPPING!



AND I WANT TO REPORT THE END OF THE CRIME WAVE, SERGEANT!

THERE HE IS! MAJOR MINIATURE, THE PRIZE MIDGET IN MY SIDE SHOW!



YOU'RE MAKING A MISTAKE!

DOLL MAN! YOU'RE ALIVE AFTER ALL!

I'D RECOGNIZE THE MAJOR ANYWHERE! HE'S GOT TO COME TO WORK OR VIOLATE HIS CONTRACT WITH THE CIRCUS!



SORRY I HAVE TO GO! NAST MURDERED MAJOR MINIATURE AND STARTED THE CRIME WAVE! HE'LL CONFESS THE WHOLE STORY!

THANKS, DOLL MAN! WE'LL HANDLE EVERYTHING!

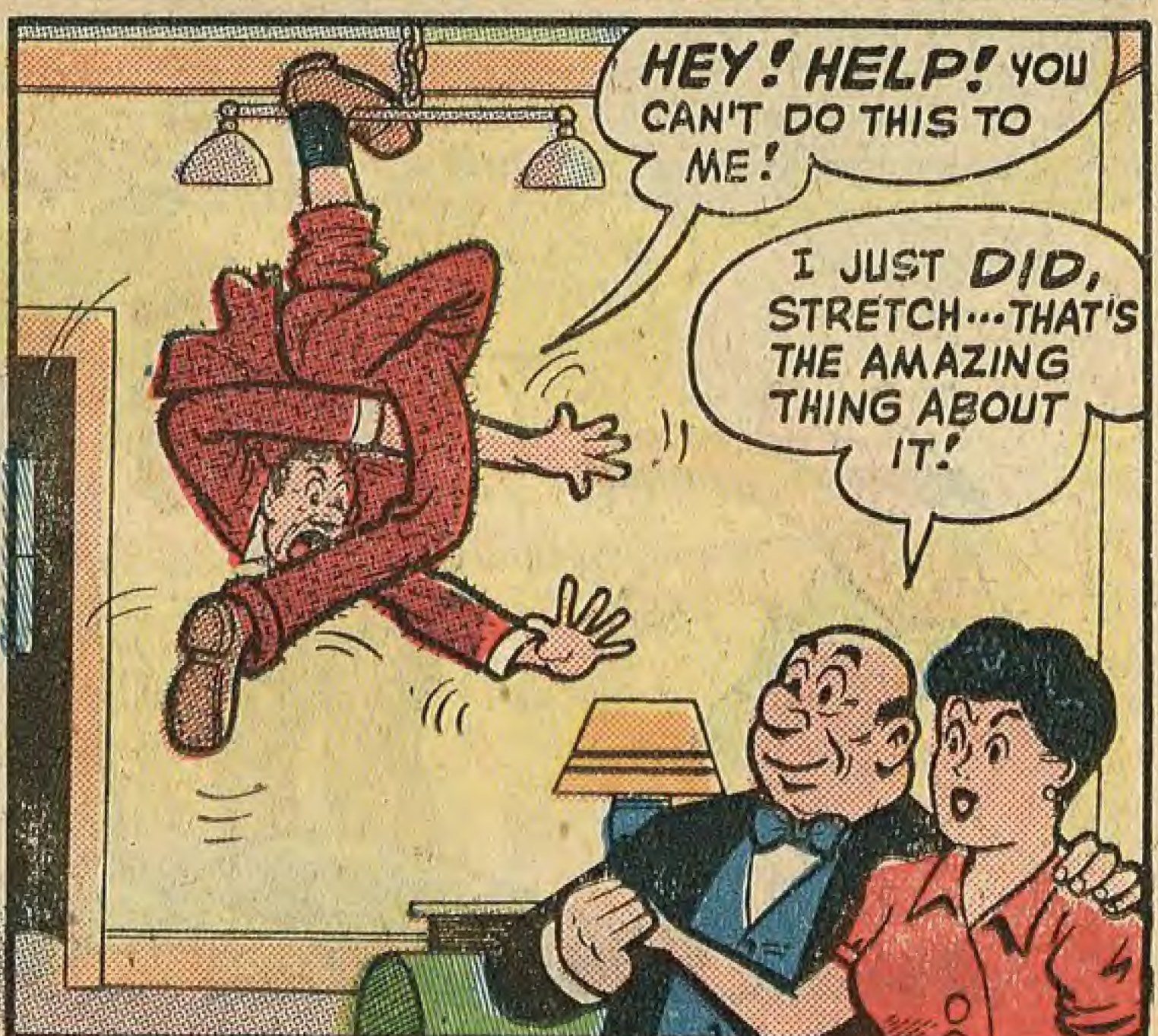
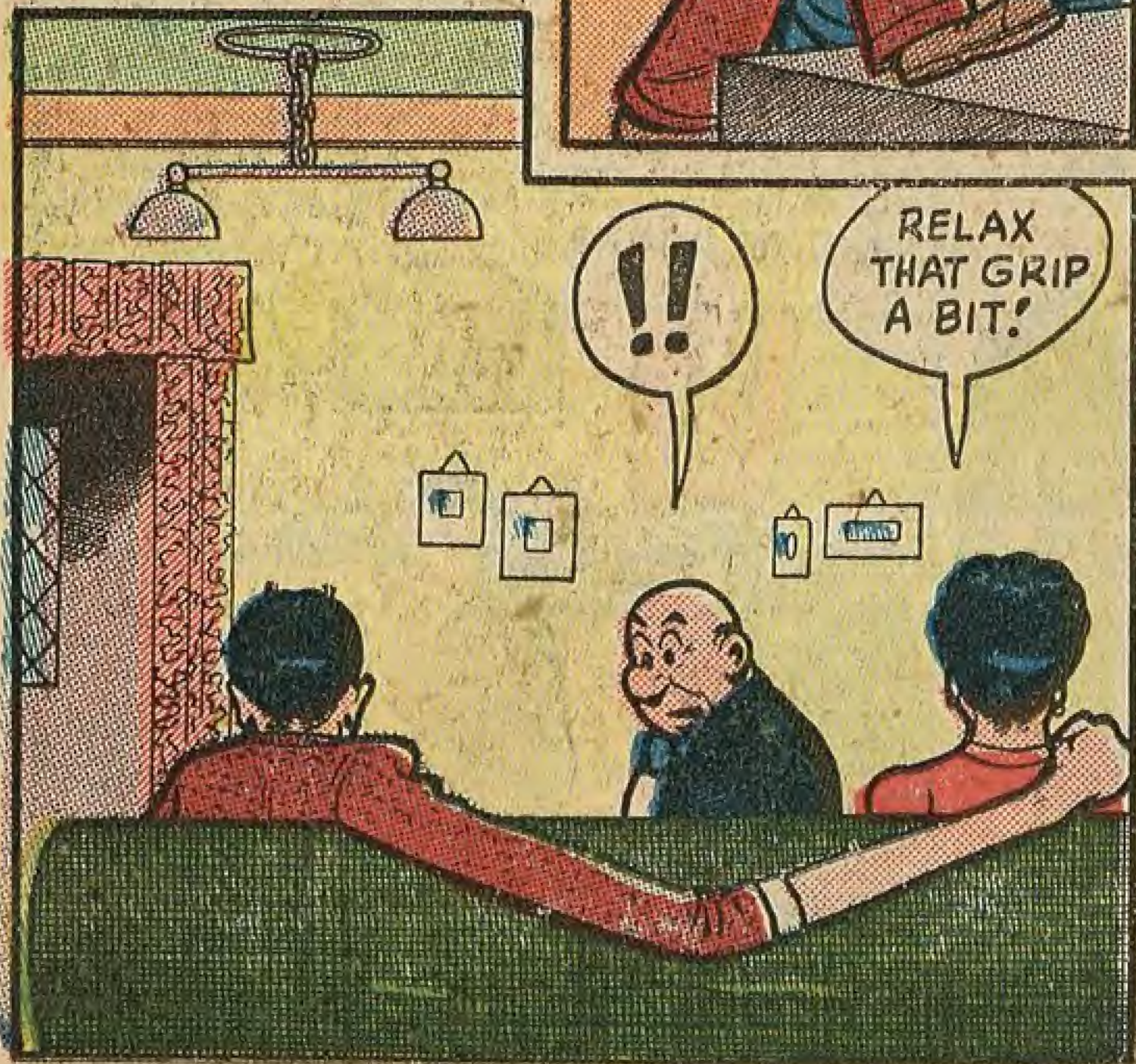
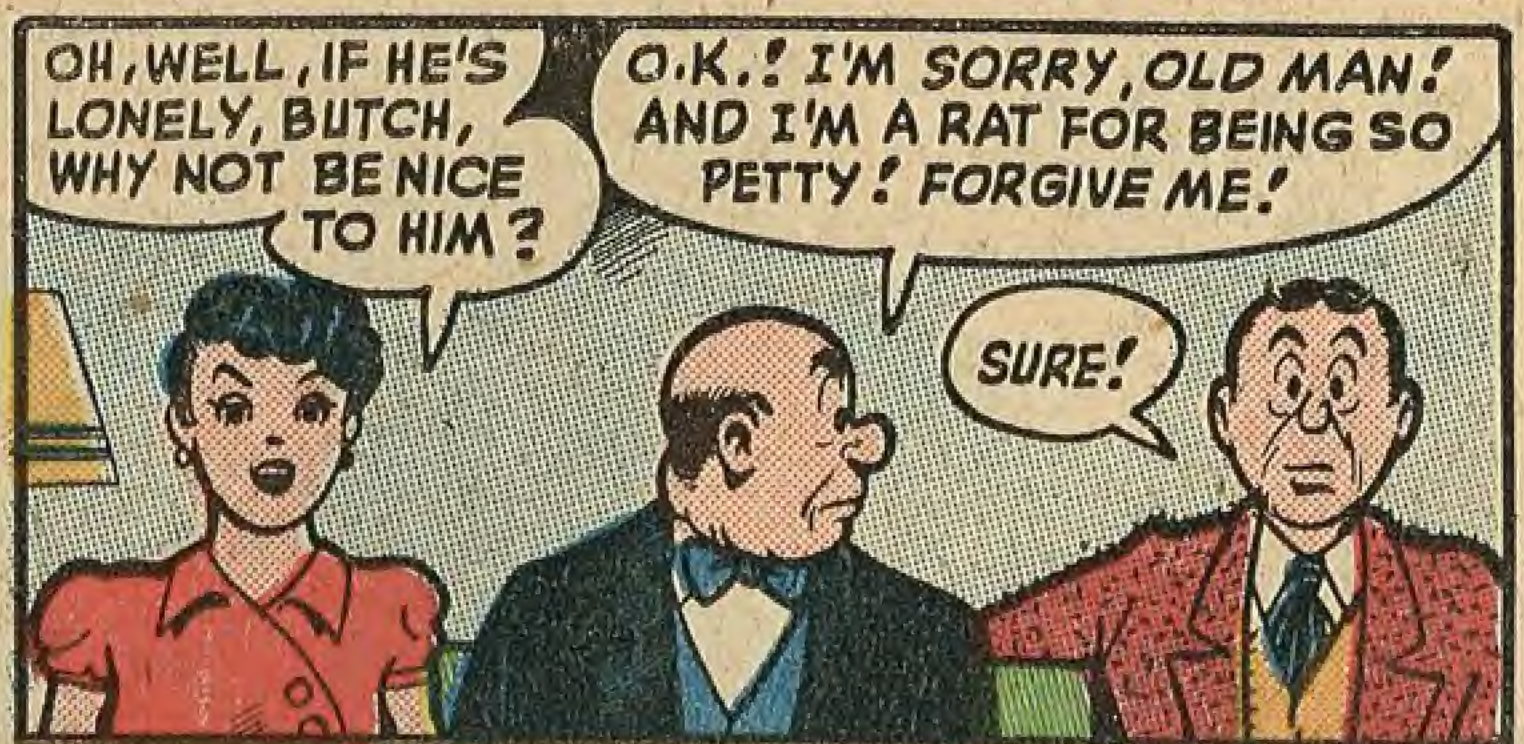
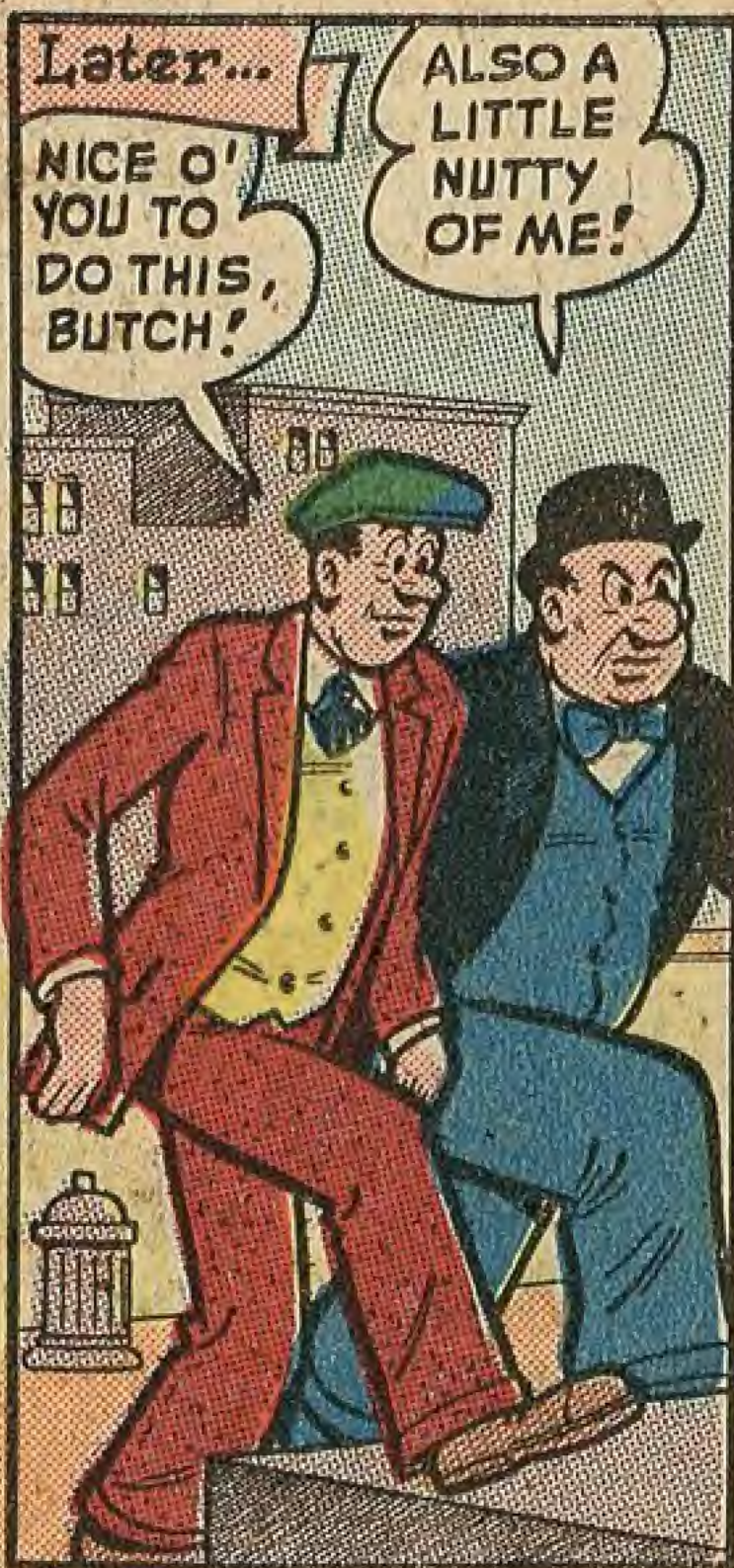


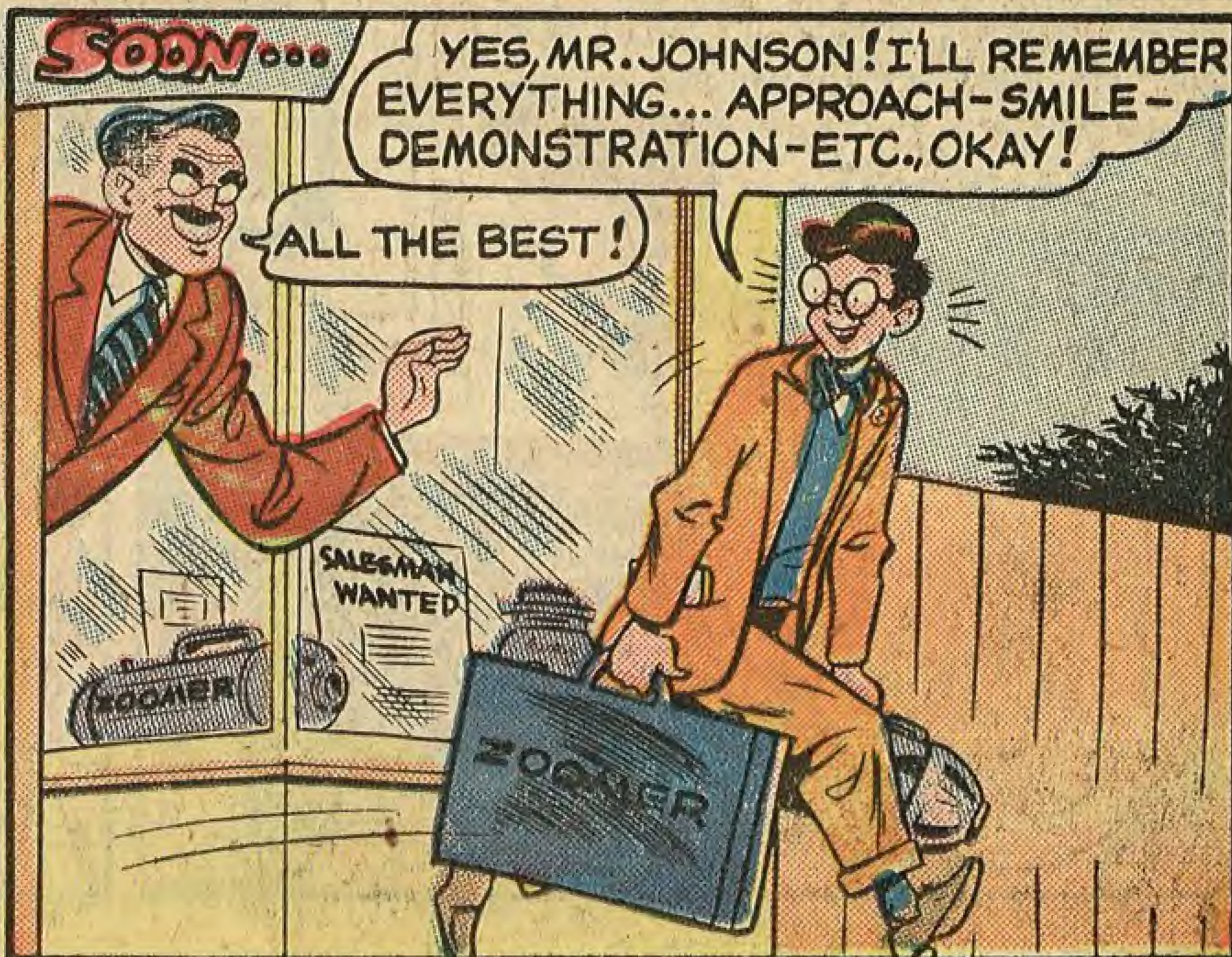
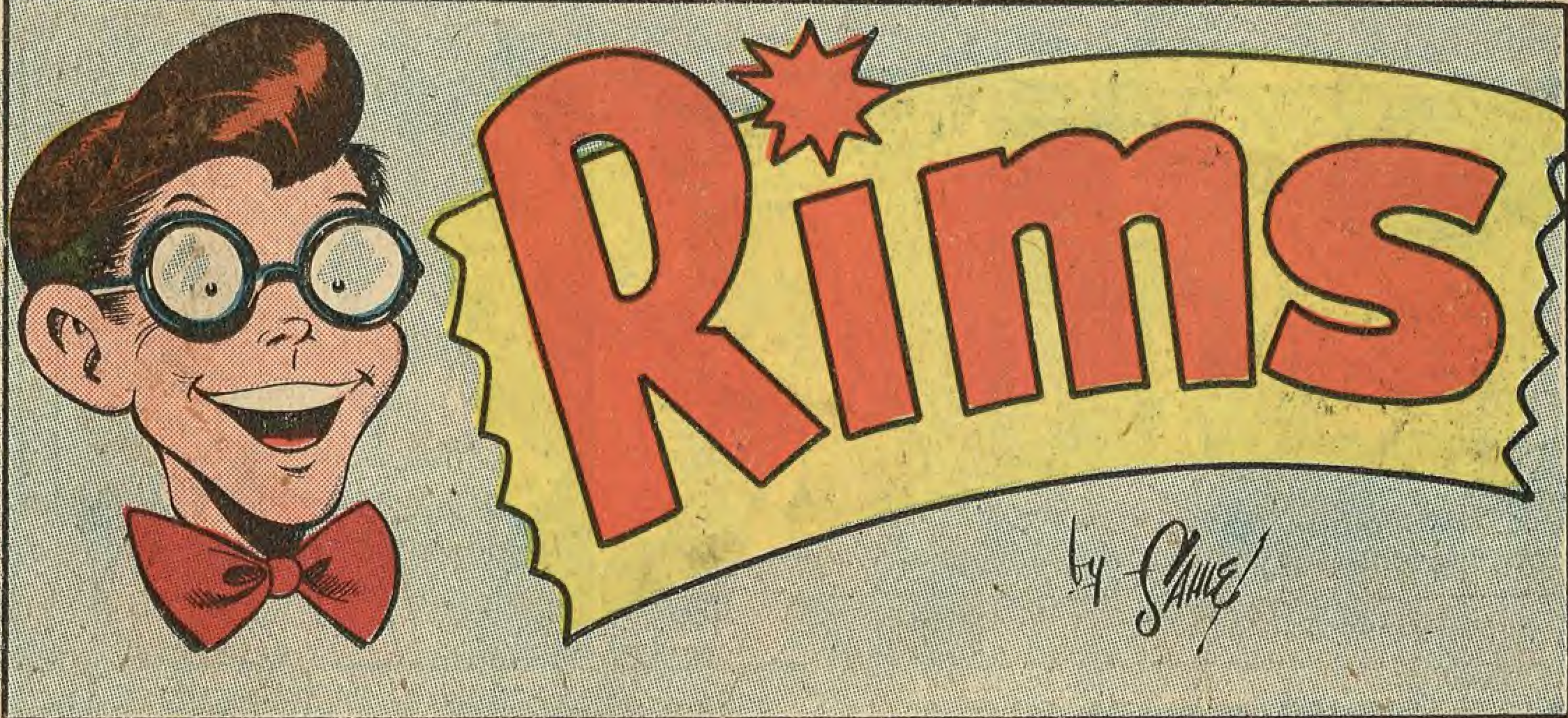
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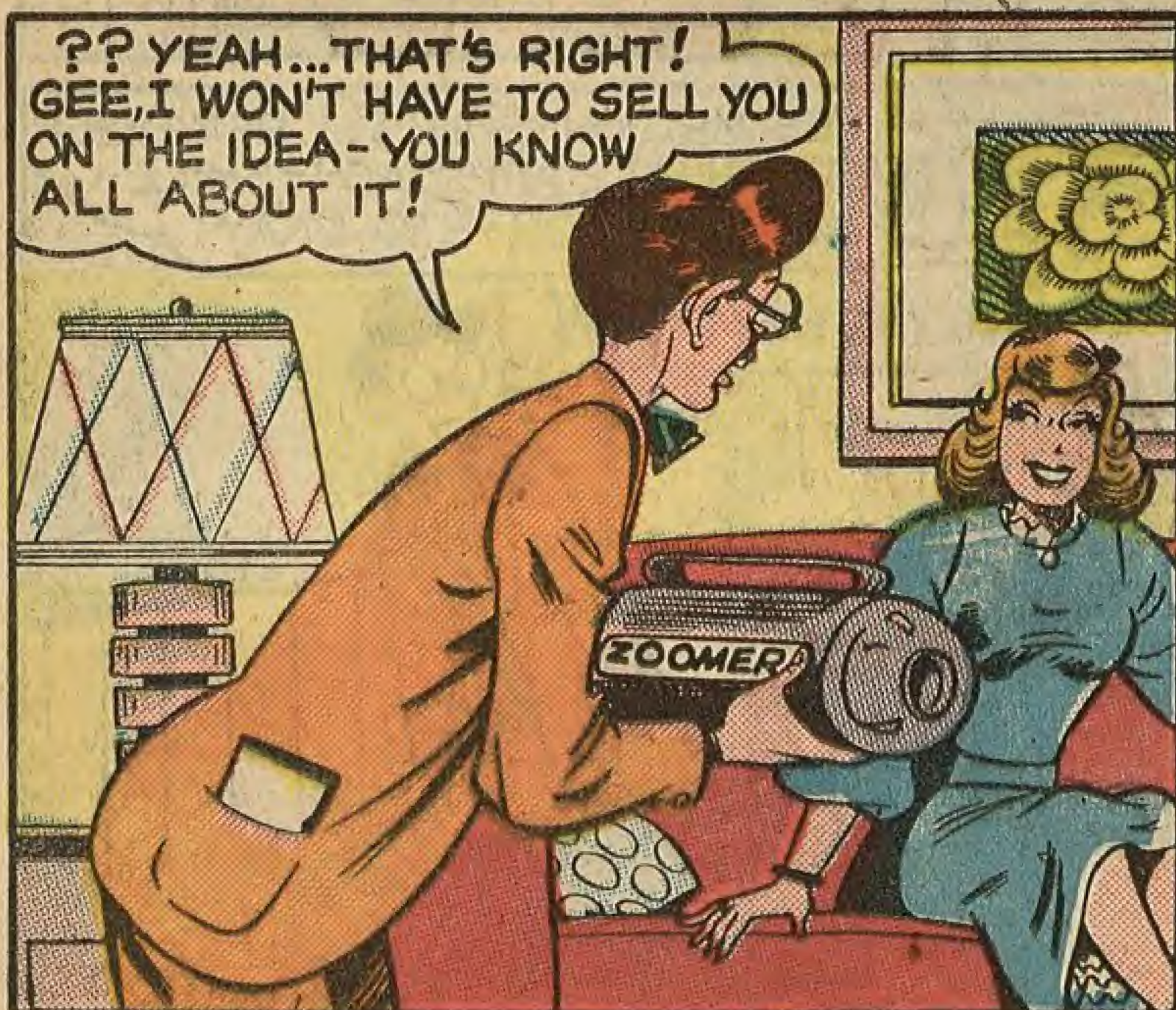
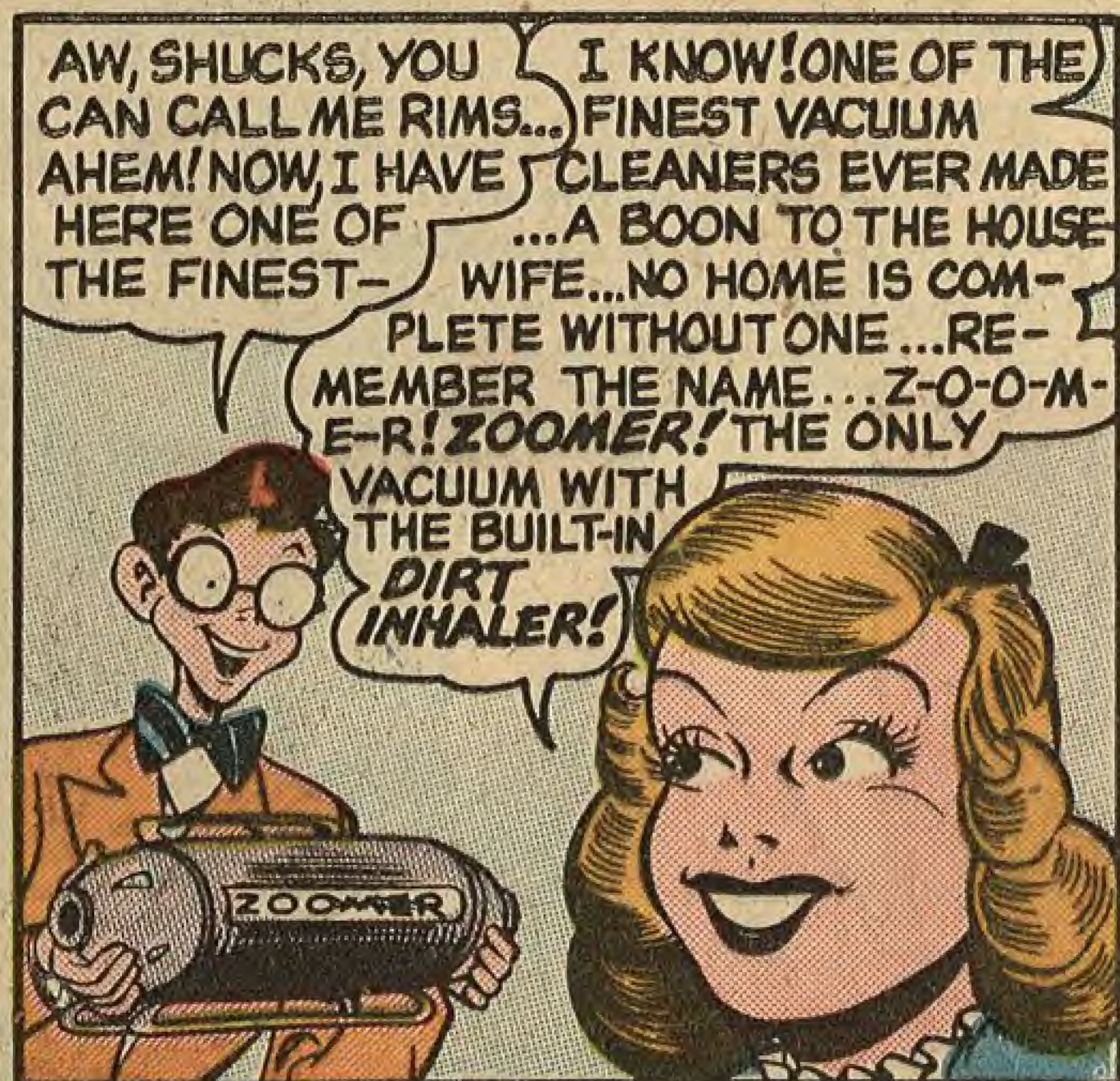
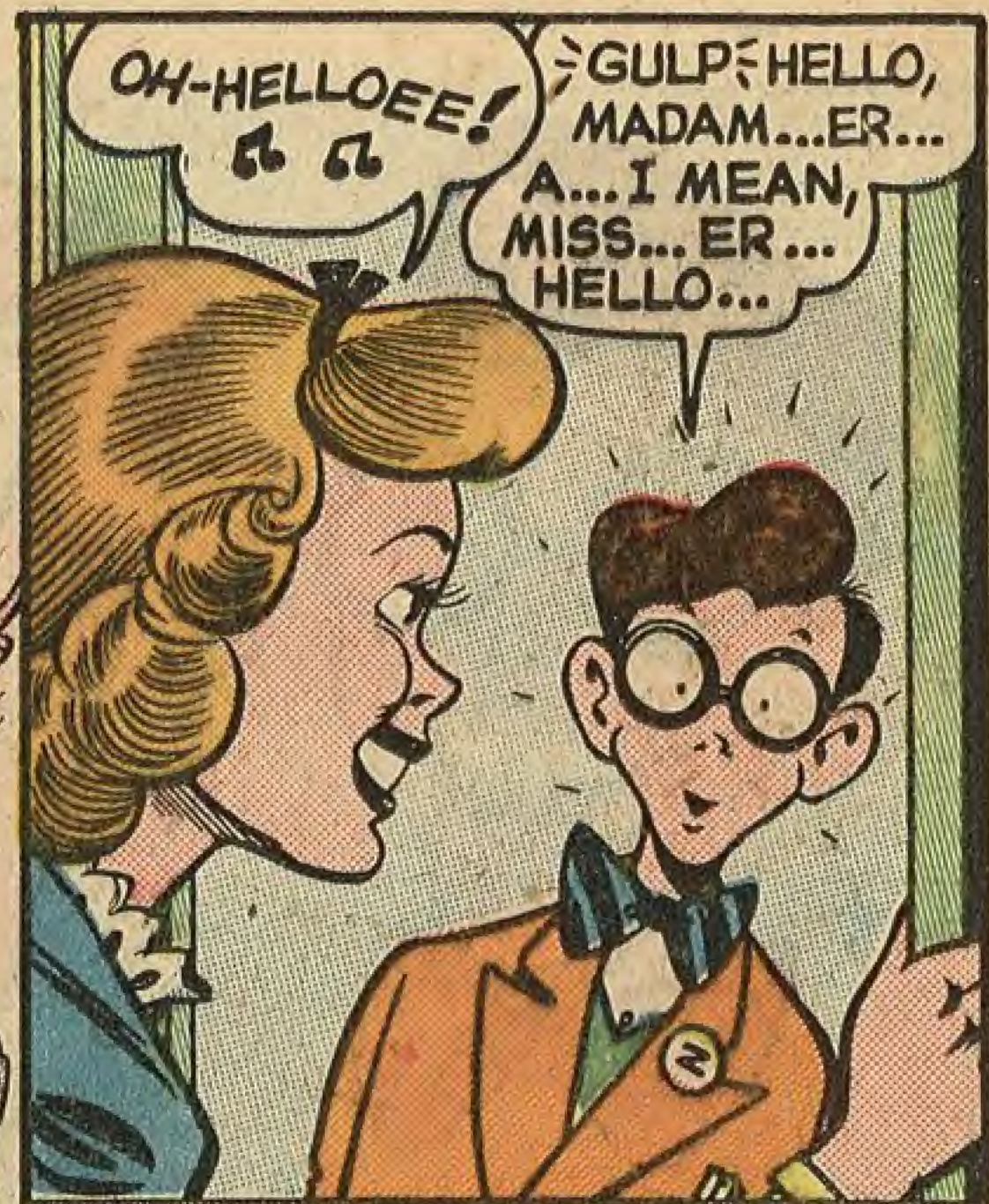
NOW THAT ORDER HAS BEEN RESTORED LET'S GO TO THE CIRCUS, DARREL!

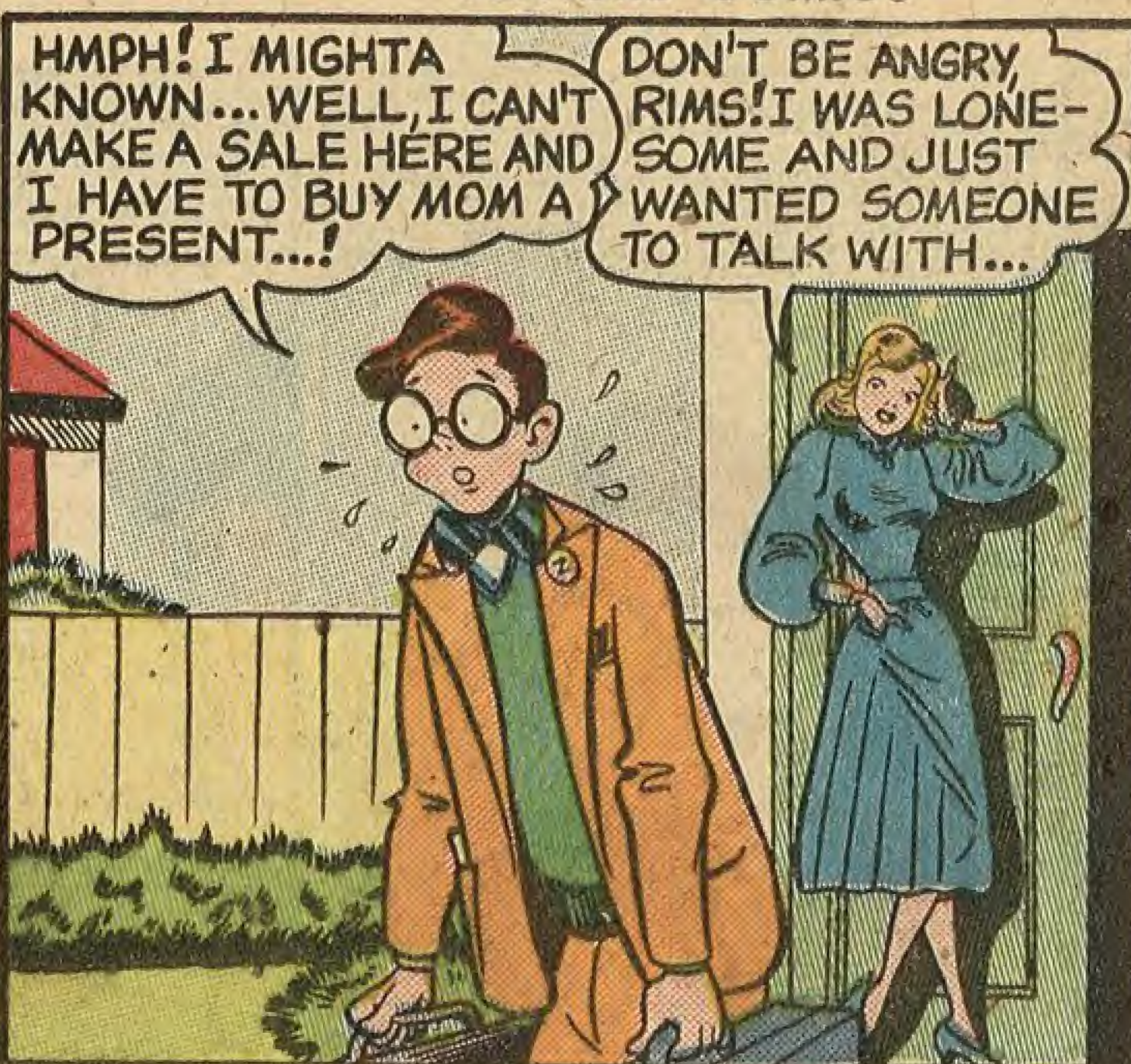
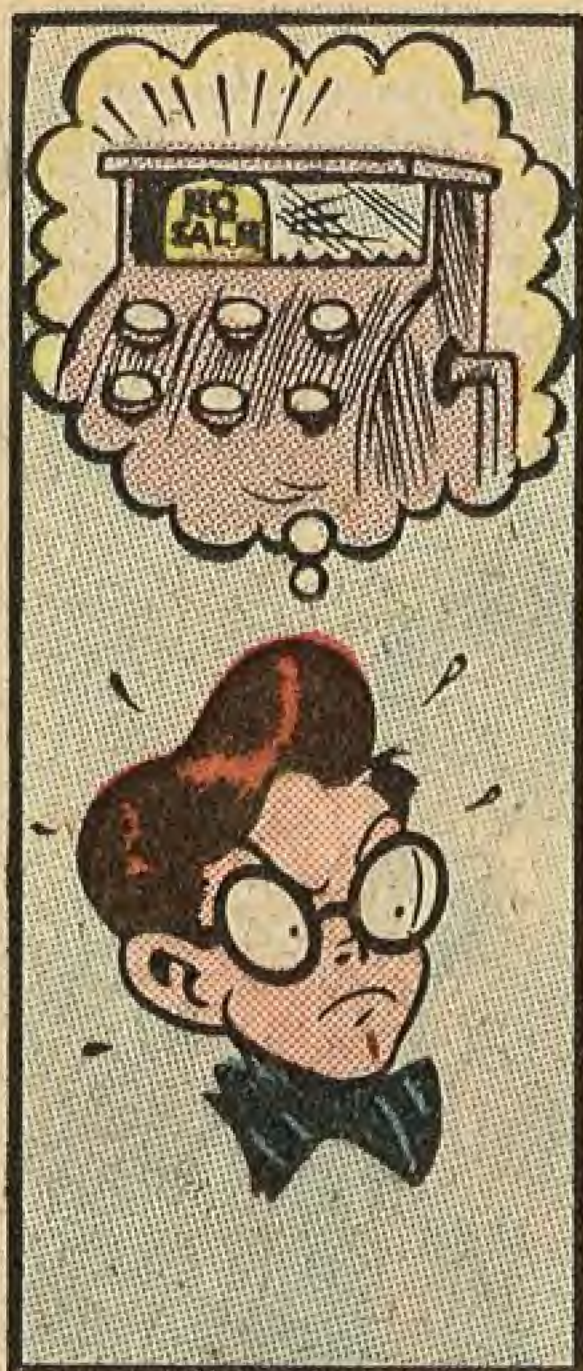
GULP! IF YOU DON'T MIND, MARTHA, I'D RATHER SPEND A QUIET EVENING AT HOME!

BIG TOP









HMPH! I MIGHTA KNOWN...WELL, I CAN'T MAKE A SALE HERE AND I HAVE TO BUY MOM A PRESENT...!

DON'T BE ANGRY, RIMS! I WAS LONE-SOME AND JUST WANTED SOMEONE TO TALK WITH...

NEXT TIME I WON'T TALK, I'LL JUST GO RIGHT IN AND GIVE A DEMONSTRATION! I WON'T LET ANYONE EVEN GET A WORD IN UNTIL I'M THROUGH! HMPH...!



I HOPE THIS GUY ISN'T IN THE VACUUM CLEANER BUSINESS, TOO! HERE GOES!

KNOCK!
KNOCK!



HOW DO YOU DO? I'M HERE TO CLEAN YOUR RUGS, MA'AM...OH, I SEE YOU KEEP THEM ON THE FLOOR...OH, YES, THEY GET WALKED ON THAT WAY, DON'T THEY? HMMM?



OH...THESE RUGS ARE CLEAN! I CAN'T DEMONSTRATE ON CLEAN RUGS, CAN I? OF COURSE NOT... BY CO-INCIDENCE I HAVE WITH ME A BAG OF DIRT...

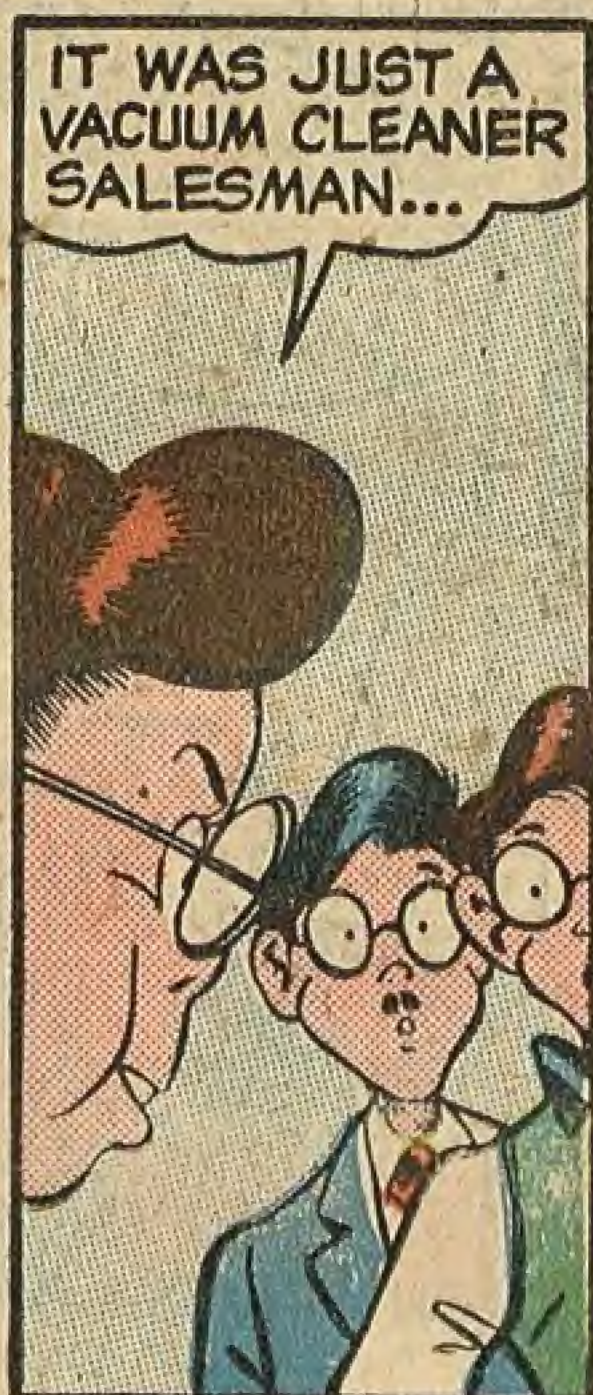


...WHICH I SPRINKLE FREELY ABOUT, LIKE SO! NOW, EVERYTHING IS NICE AND DIRTY, ISN'T IT?

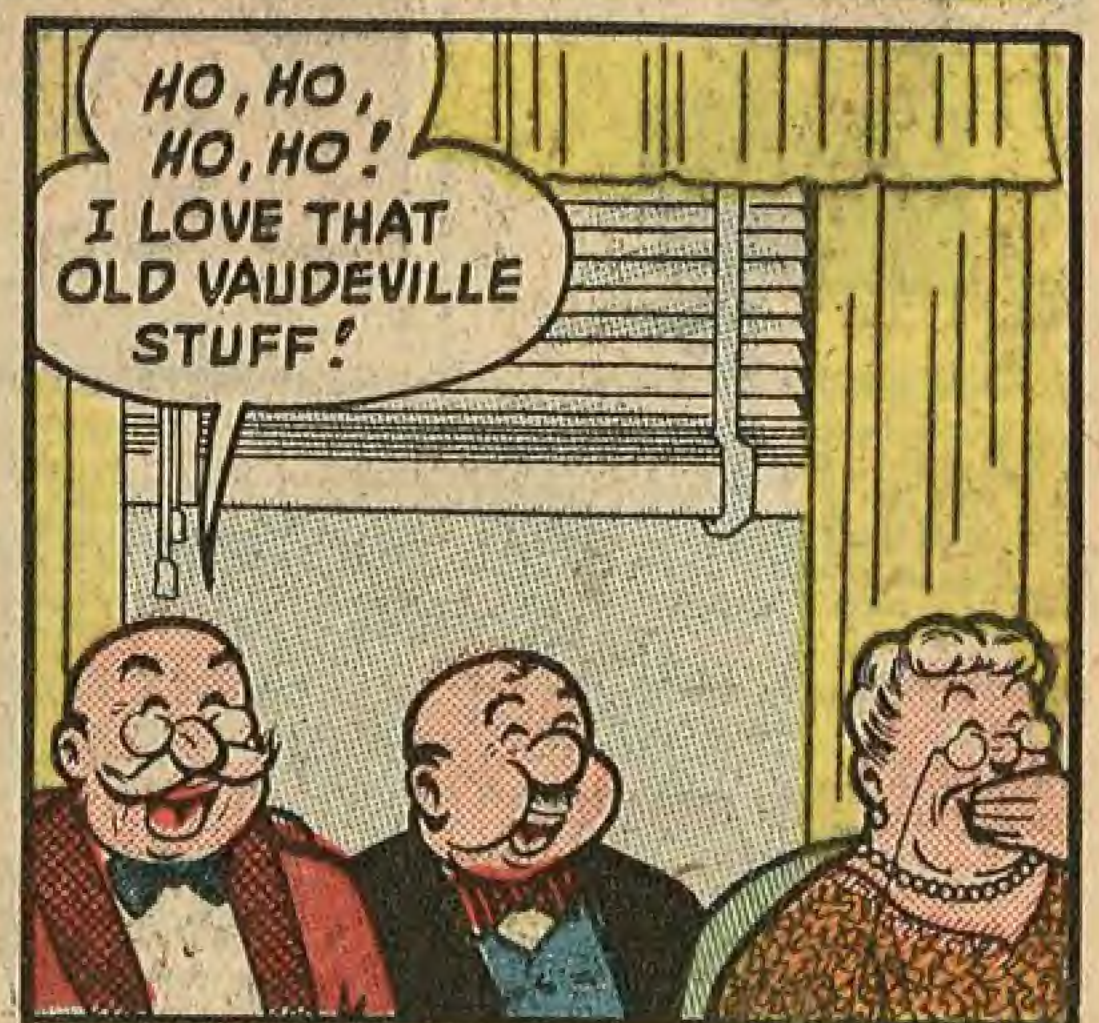


AH... BUT, DON'T FRET, LADY! FOR IN LESS TIME THAN IT TAKES TO SAY 'ZOOMER' I'LL HAVE EVERYTHING CLEAN AND SPARKLING AGAIN!





LALA PALOOZA



O.K.,
DOC!

I'VE TRIED EVERYTHING TO WAKE HIM UP!
I'LL ASK HIS SISTER IF SHE HAS ANY IDEAS!

NO, NO
NO,
NO!

**RIGHT
THROUGH
THE
SCREEN!**

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WELL, IT'S ALL OVER FOR SAM WORTH, TOBY! HE WAS A GRAND GUY AND A GOOD FRIEND!

WHAT THIS WORLD NEEDS IS MORE MILLIONAIRES LIKE SAM, SWING! HE WAS TOPS!

OH, SISSON...

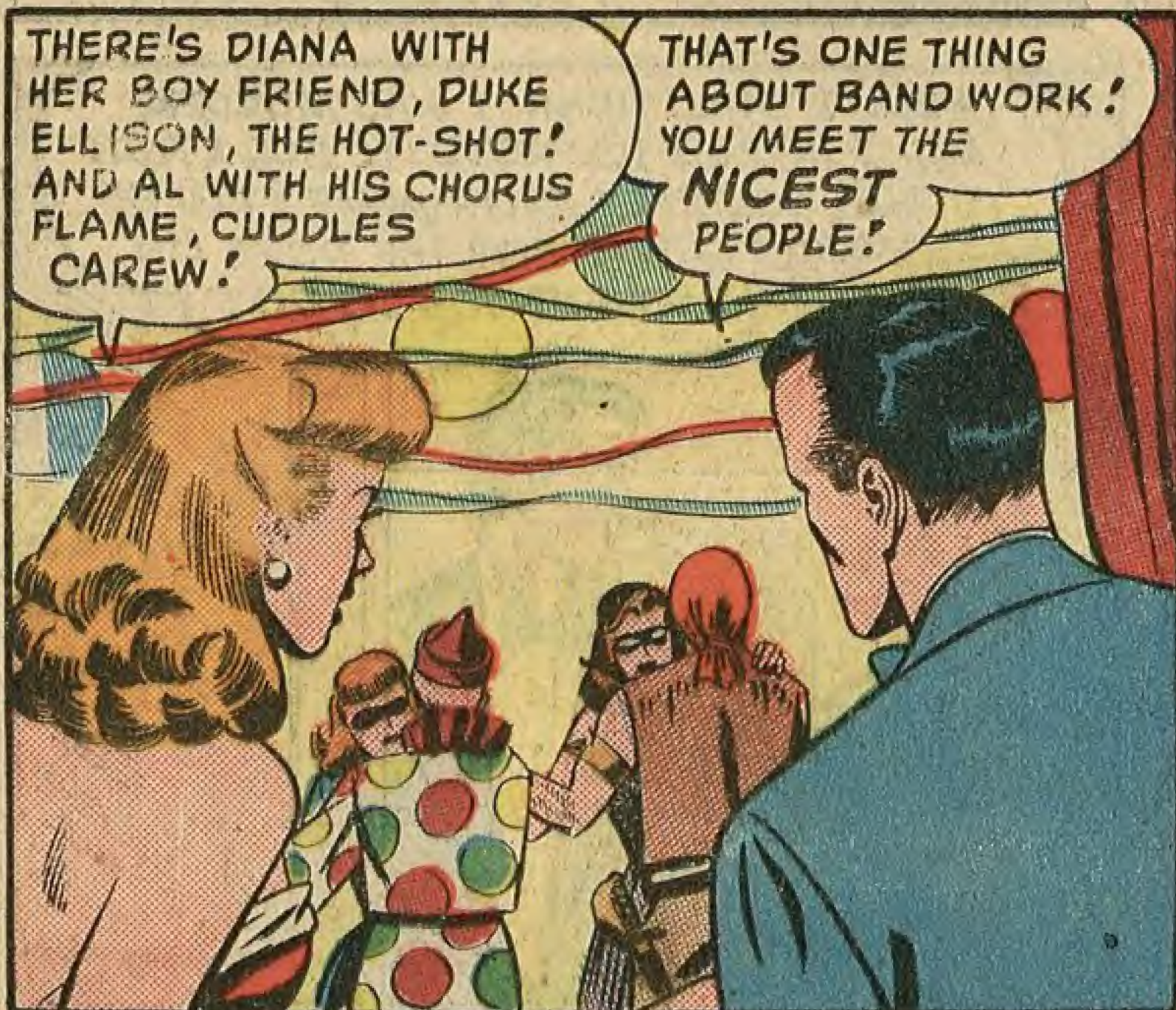
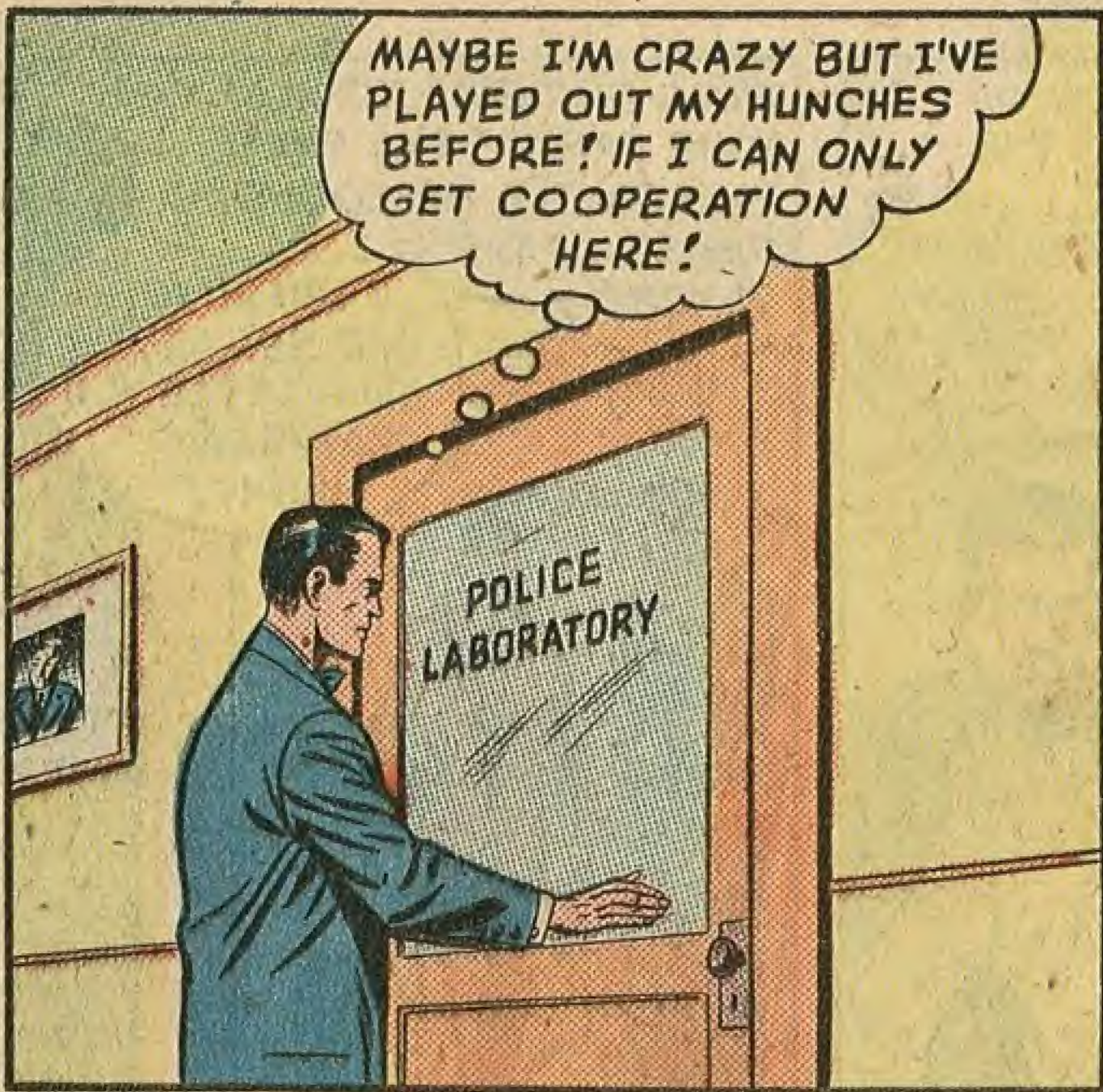


HELLO, AL AND DIANE! I'M SORRY ABOUT YOUR UNCLE'S DEATH!

YEAH, SURE! TOUGH... FOR HIM! HE HAD TO LEAVE ALL HIS DOUGH BEHIND! BUT WE'LL TAKE CARE OF IT FOR HIM... HEH, HEH!



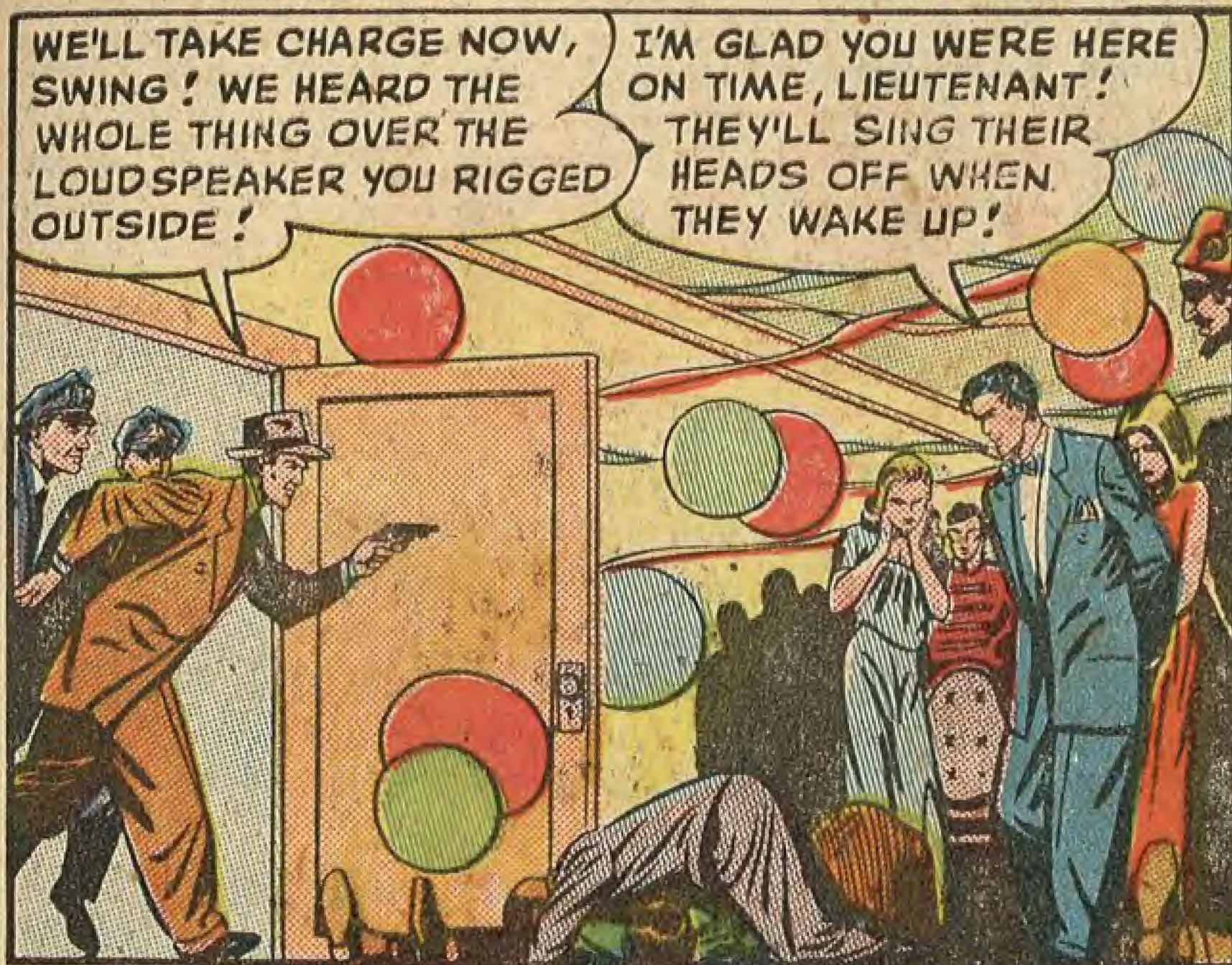




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FINNY DEATH

MARTHA ROBERTS jabbed the doorbell of the palatial Valdez mansion for the third time. "This time I'm getting my story," she said angrily.

Her escort, Darrel Dane, looked down at her, frowning. "Maybe we'll both get what we're after," he said. "The Customs Department asked me to drop in to see Valdez. It seems a few of their agents have disappeared before or after coming here."

They fell silent as the heavy oak door swung wide. A tall, cadaverous butler droned, "You may come in, Miss Roberts. Senor Valdez is in the library."

Darrel was following Martha toward the library when the butler barred his way. "Only the young lady," he said. "You may wait here in the entrance hall."

Darrel shrugged and sat down in a high-backed chair facing the library door.

At that moment Martha entered the large, dark-paneled room and the butler closed the door from the outside. A short, broad-shouldered man rose from behind a desk and walked the few steps to meet her. "You must pardon my caution, Miss Roberts," he said in a smooth, slightly accented voice, "but I am constantly troubled by people who are not what they pretend. I took the liberty of checking your identity after your visit yesterday."

"That's perfectly all right," Martha replied coolly, taking the chair offered her. "I can assure you I only want a story on your importing business."

Senor Valdez stood behind the desk, resting his hands on its top. He stared hard at the seated girl. "Suppose you tell me," he said softly, "your real reason for coming to this house and bringing your friend Darrel Dane."

When Martha started to protest, Valdez held up a large hand. "You do not need to explain. I know that your fiance is active in police work. I'm afraid," he continued menacingly, "that you take me for a complete fool, Miss Roberts. Come," he said, rising and taking her arm. "You wish to see my collection of tropical fish. I have an unusual species in the next room."

Frightened, Martha pulled away from Valdez and started toward the door. "Darrel," she cried

The library door burst open and Darrel Dane

came resolutely into the room. He had taken but a step when a hand gripping a blackjack swung in a vicious arc behind him. He tumbled limply to the soft carpet.

"Good work, Morgan," Valdez said. "Get Gomez and tie our friend up. I want to give Miss Roberts a demonstration of what happens to spies."

Valdez forced the struggling girl through an archway and into another room. In the center of a tile floor was a large pool, in which a school of small, perch-like fish swam restlessly.

"They are hungry," Valdez said with satisfaction. "These pirrahnas can reduce a horse to a mere skeleton in a matter of minutes. I don't think Mr. Dane will last long. Do you, my dear?"

The butler and Gomez entered the room, bearing the tightly bound body of the now-conscious Darrel Dane. At Valdez' order they moved close to the edge of the pool and started swinging their prisoner back, preparatory to pitching him into the water.

On the back-swing Darrel Dane, using his tremendous will, condensed the molecules of his body to become the redoubtable Doll Man. As the men swung their burden forward Doll Man fought free of the now loose ropes and fell to the edge of the pool. The momentum carried the men forward.

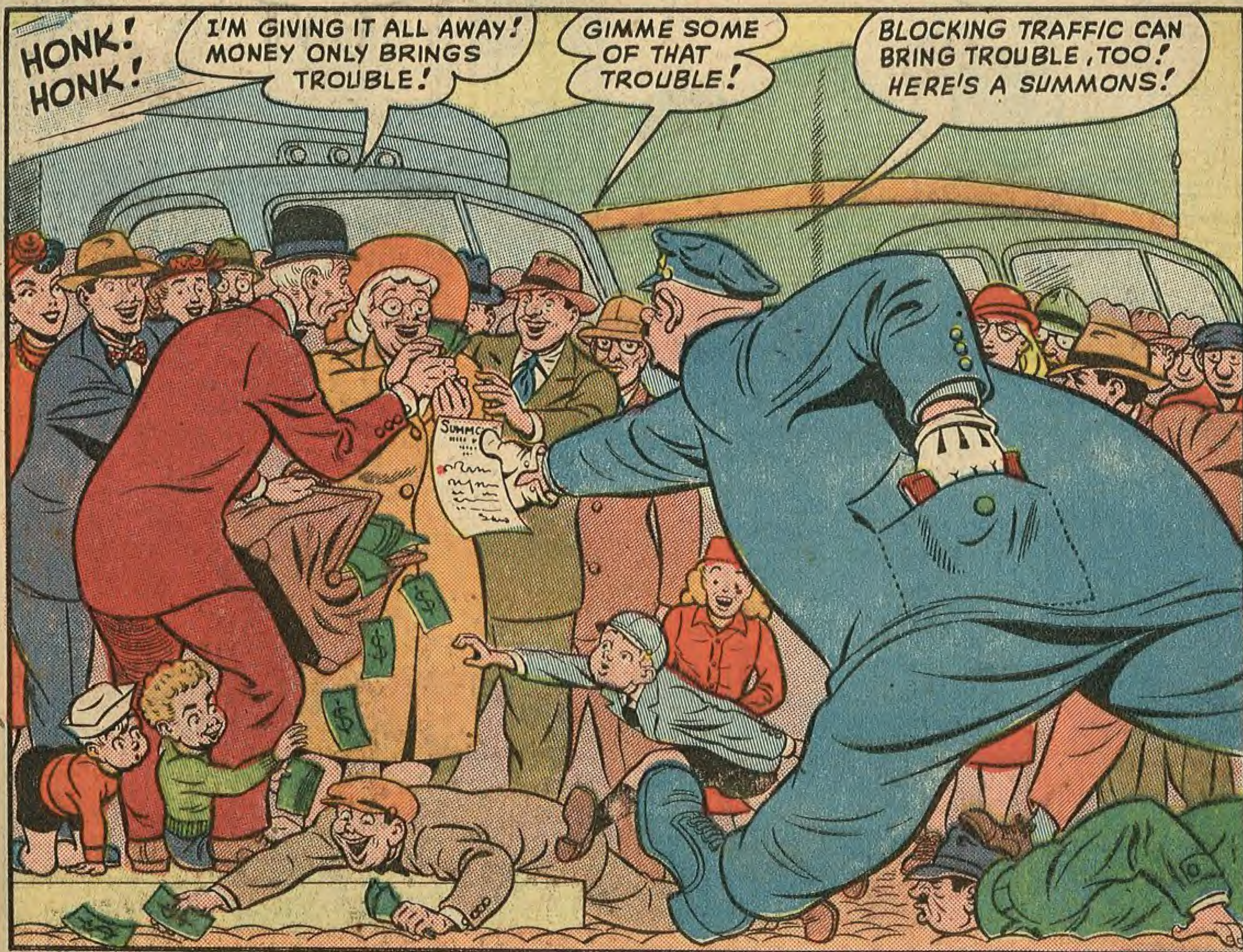
With a desperate scream they plunged into the pool of savage pirrahnas. Doll Man at this instant climbed to his feet and started toward Valdez. The heavy man's attention was diverted enough to allow Martha to wrench free of him.

Doll Man advanced grimly on Valdez, who took an involuntary step backward. He slipped and teetered on the glassy tile. Doll Man tried to save him from falling but before he could reach him Valdez, too, had disappeared in the swirling water of the pool.

It was later when Darrel Dane led the white-faced Martha home. "That was horrible," she sobbed.

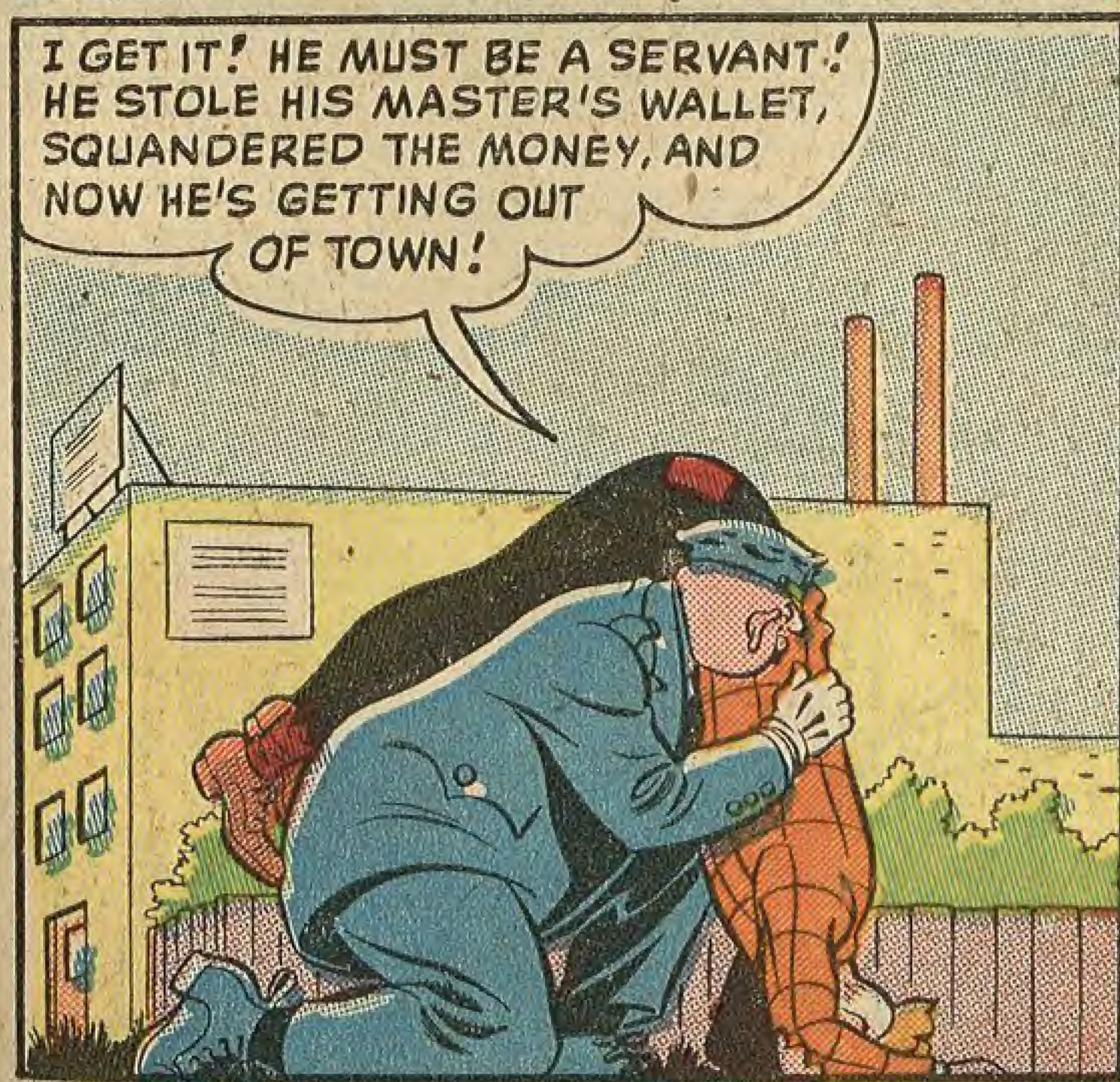
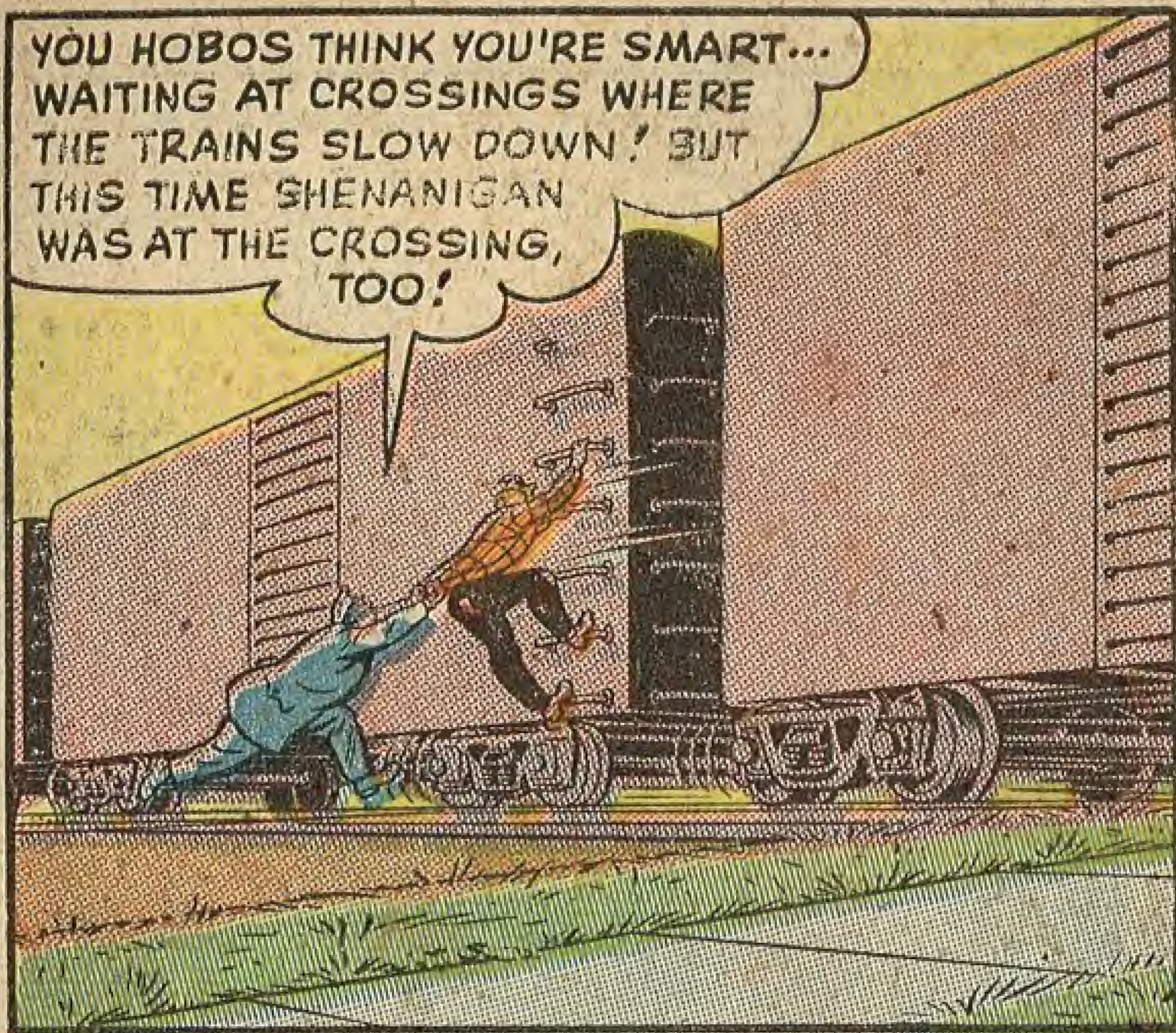
"Yes," Darrel agreed. "But Valdez died as he had killed others who got too close to the truth that the tropical fish business was merely a blind for his more profitable smuggling. The metal tanks used for shipping the fish made excellent hiding places for contraband such as diamonds and dope."

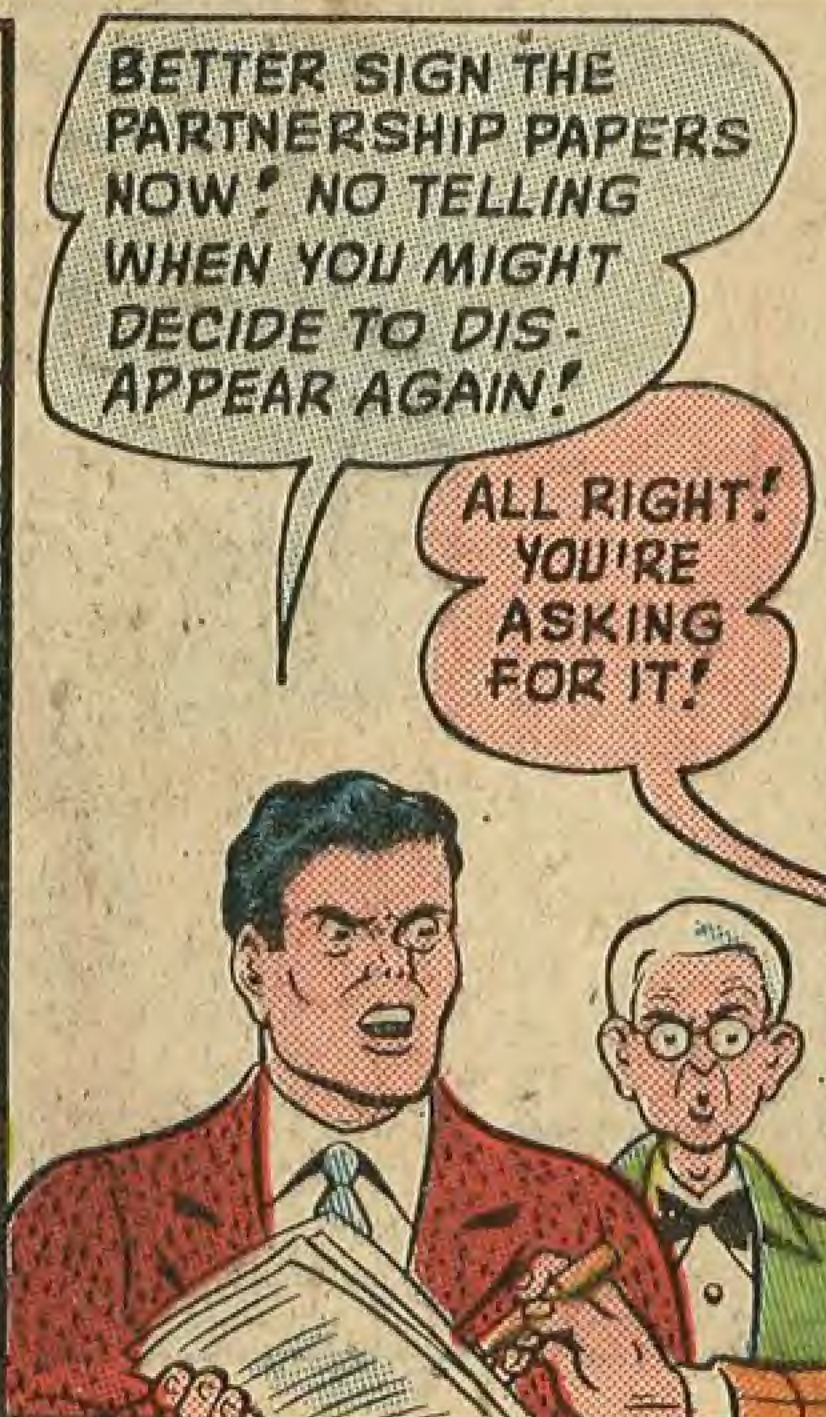
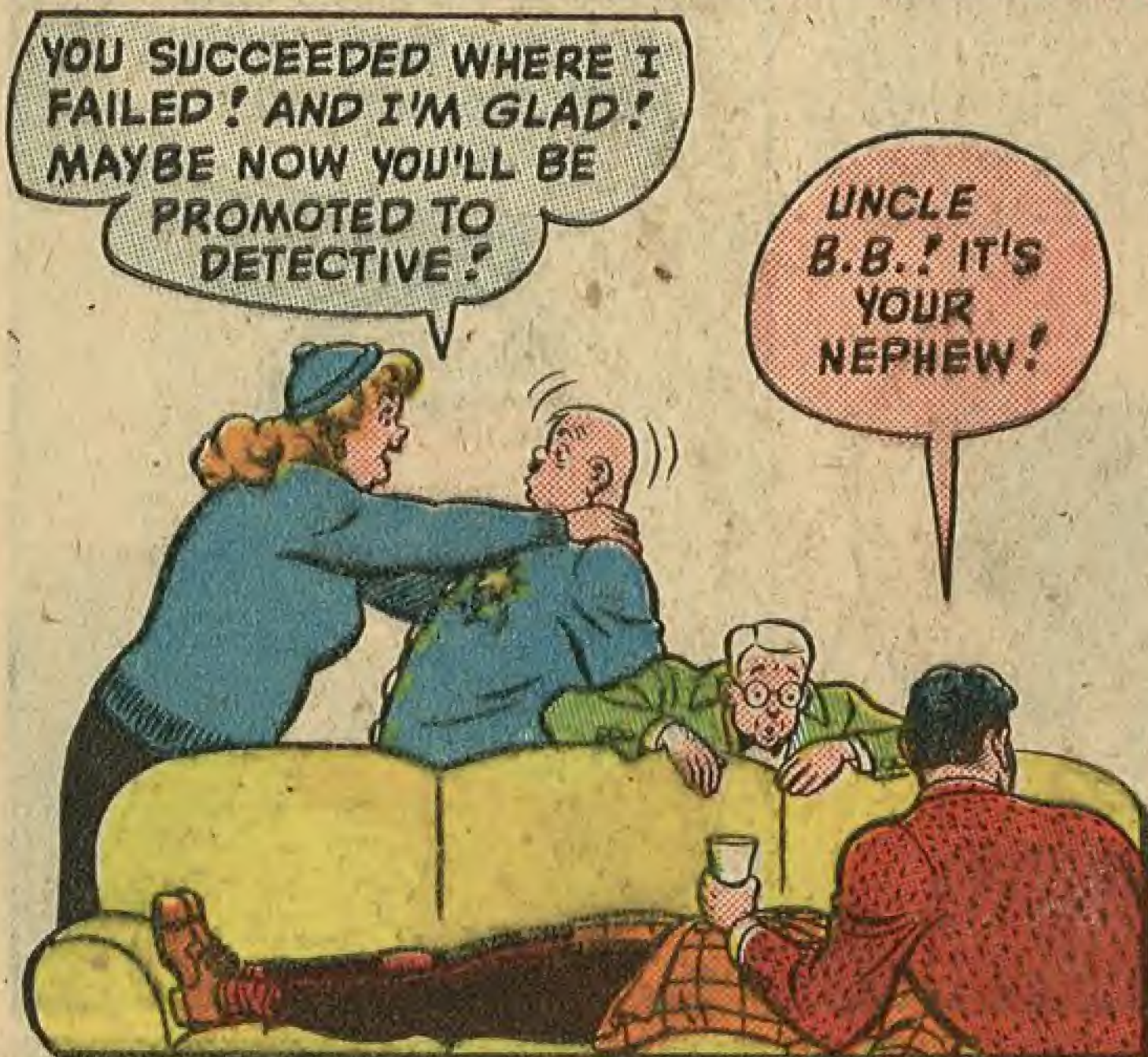
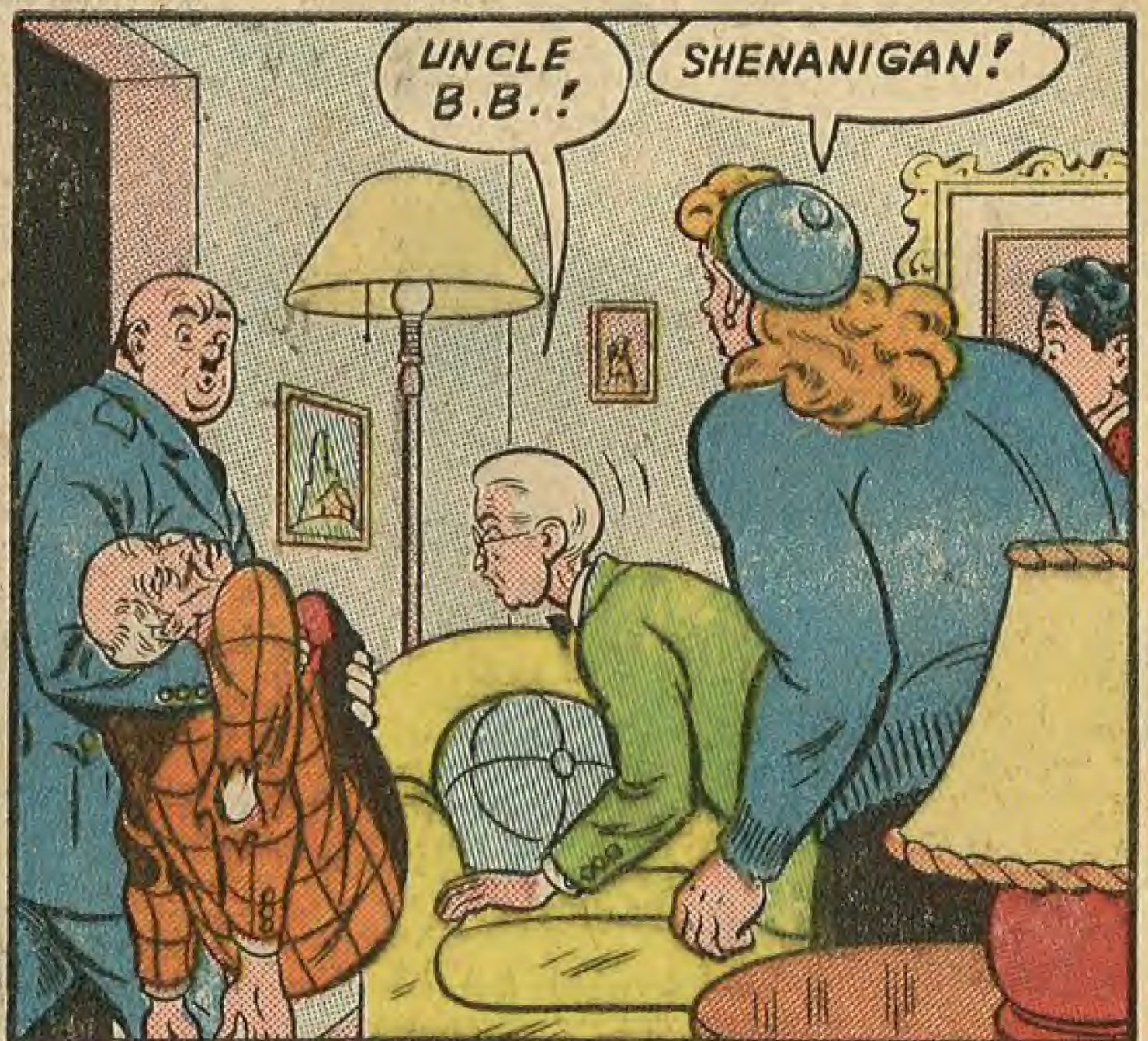
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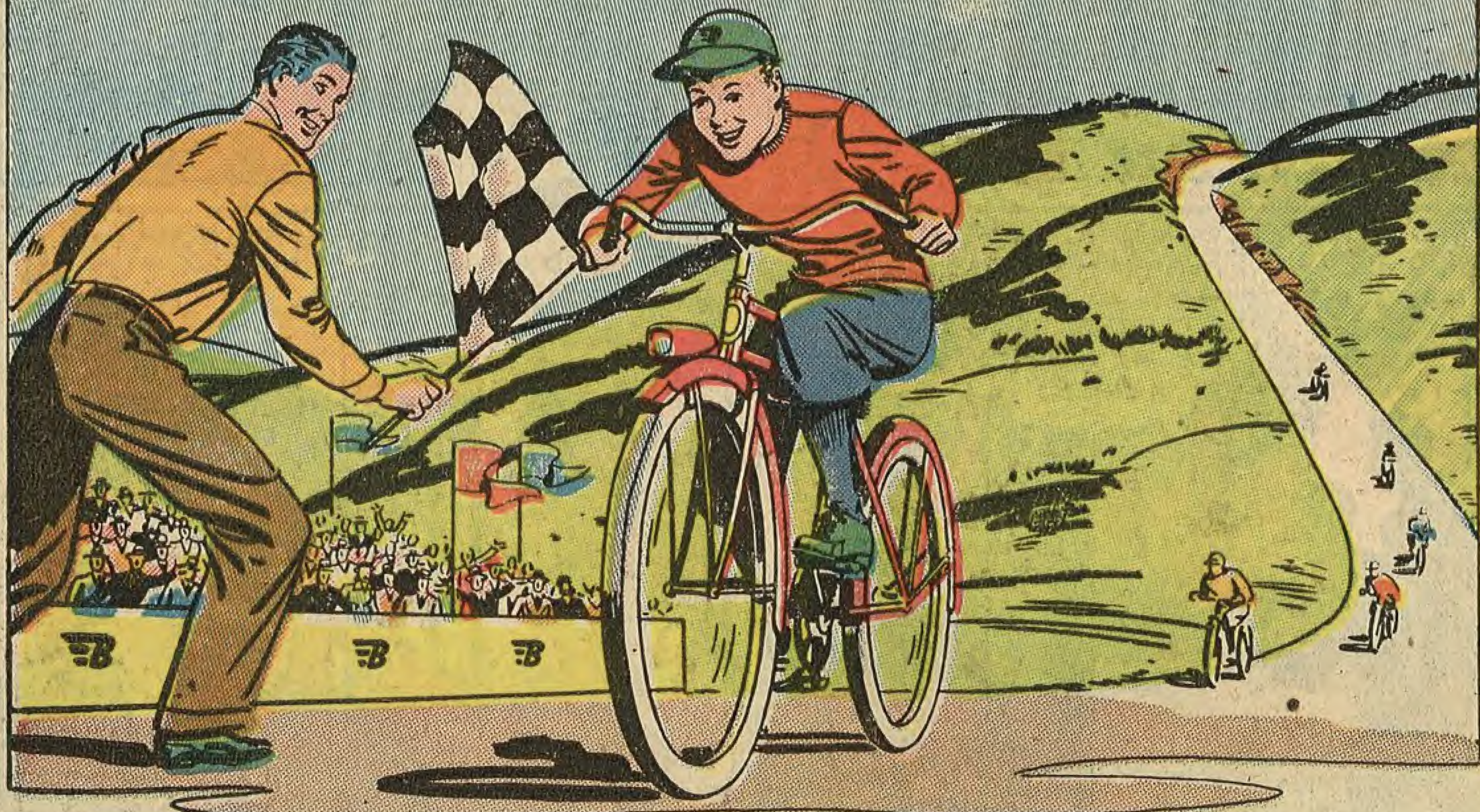


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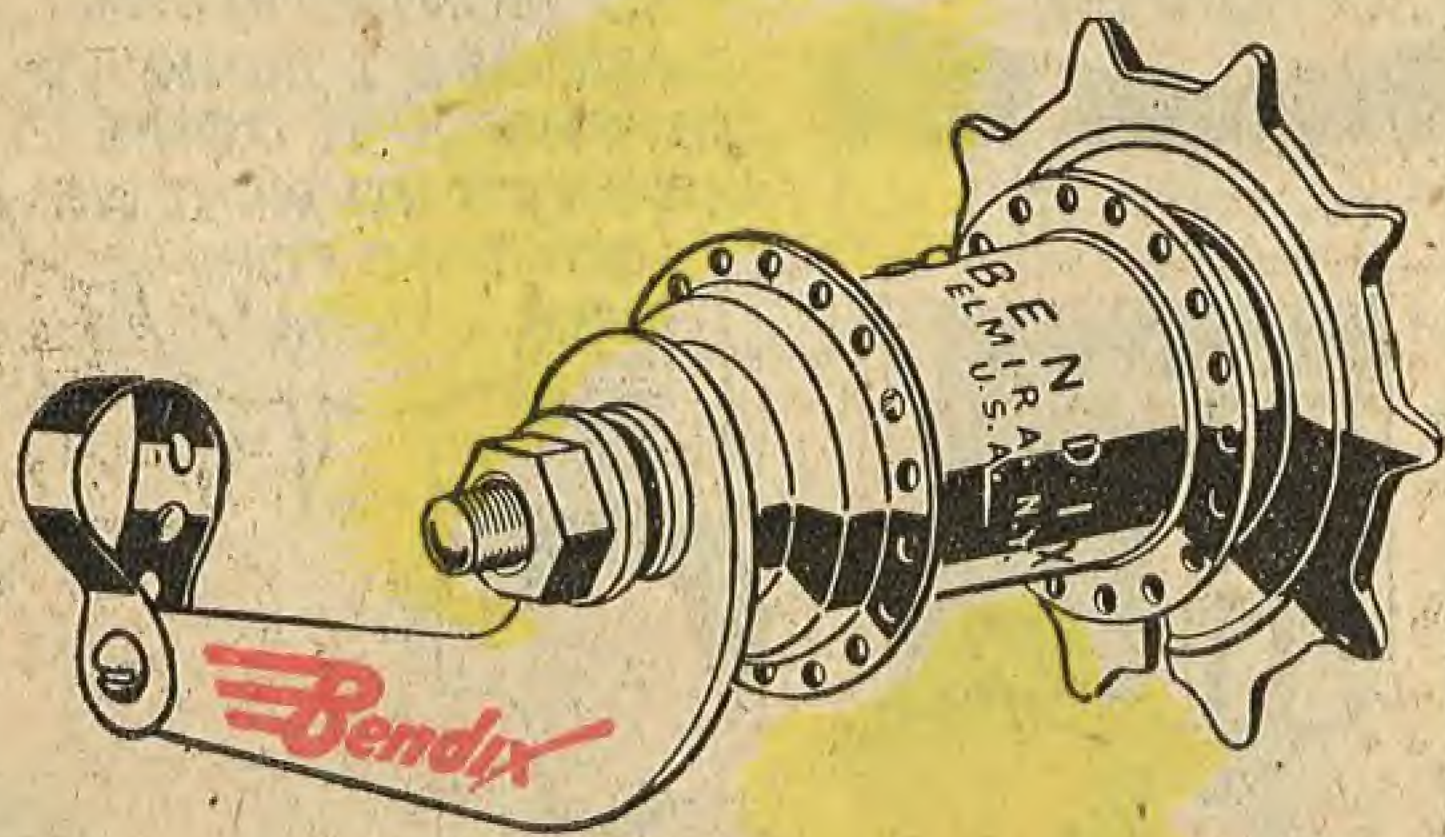




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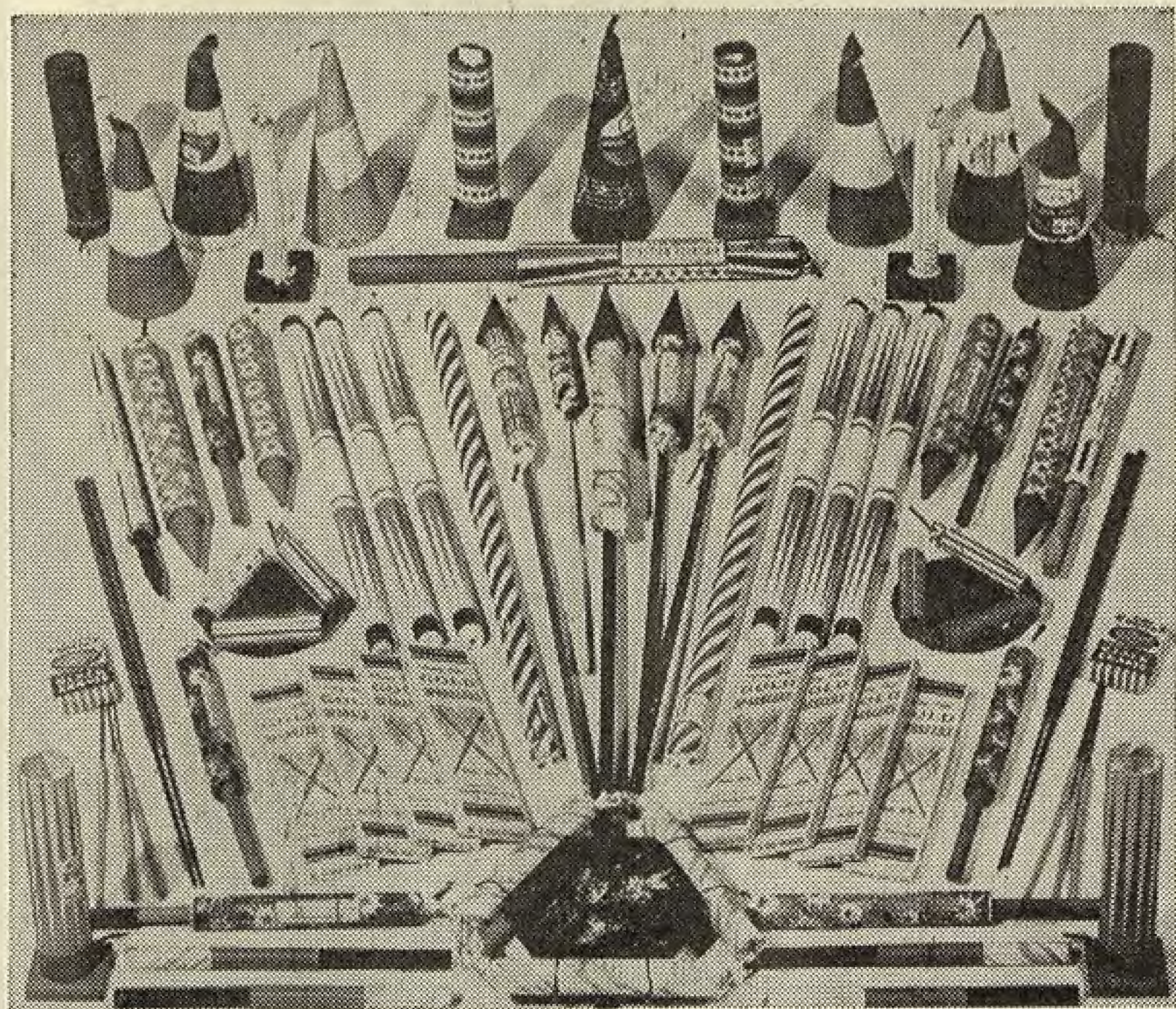
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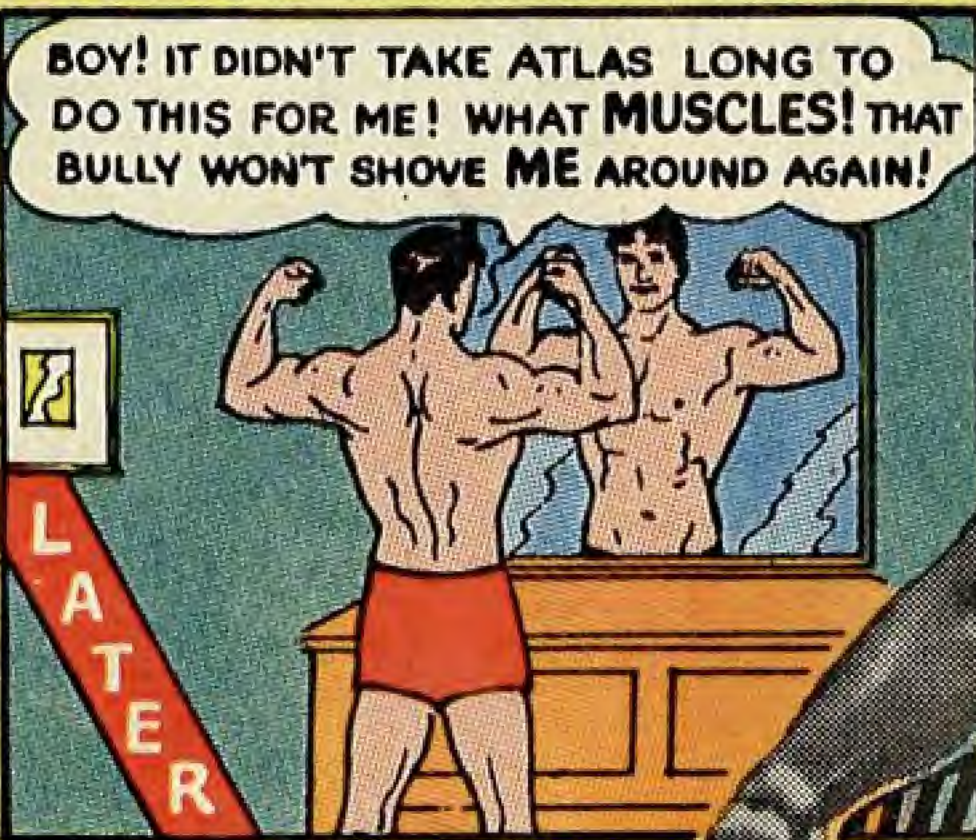
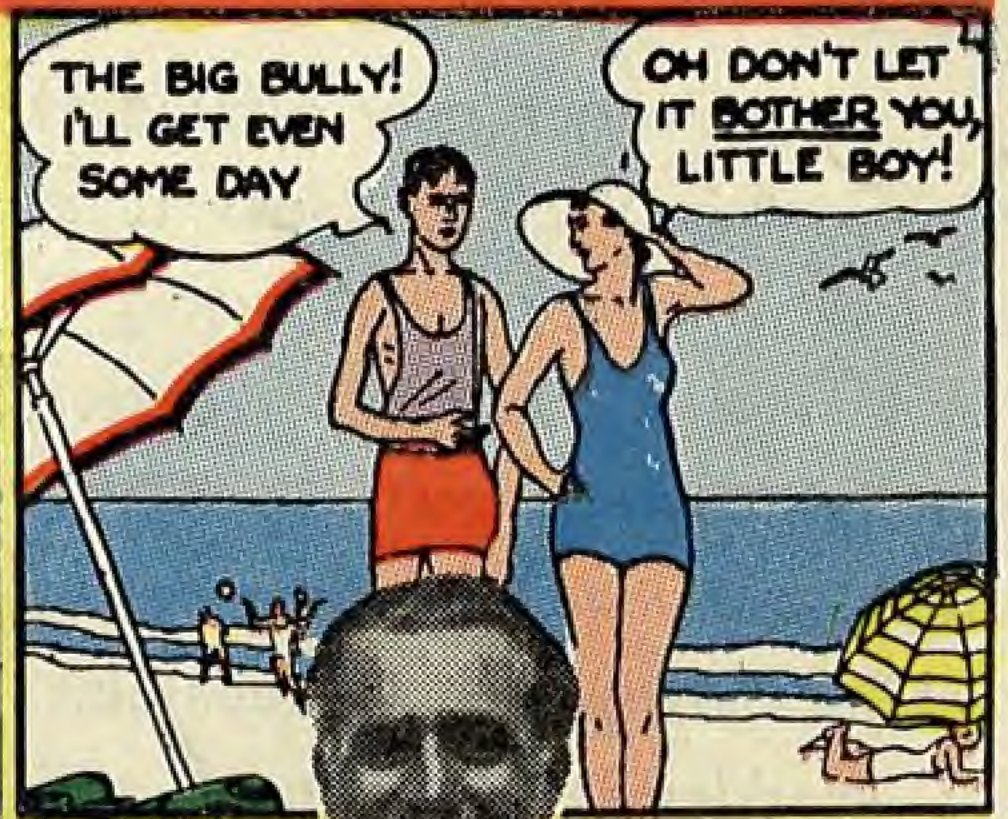
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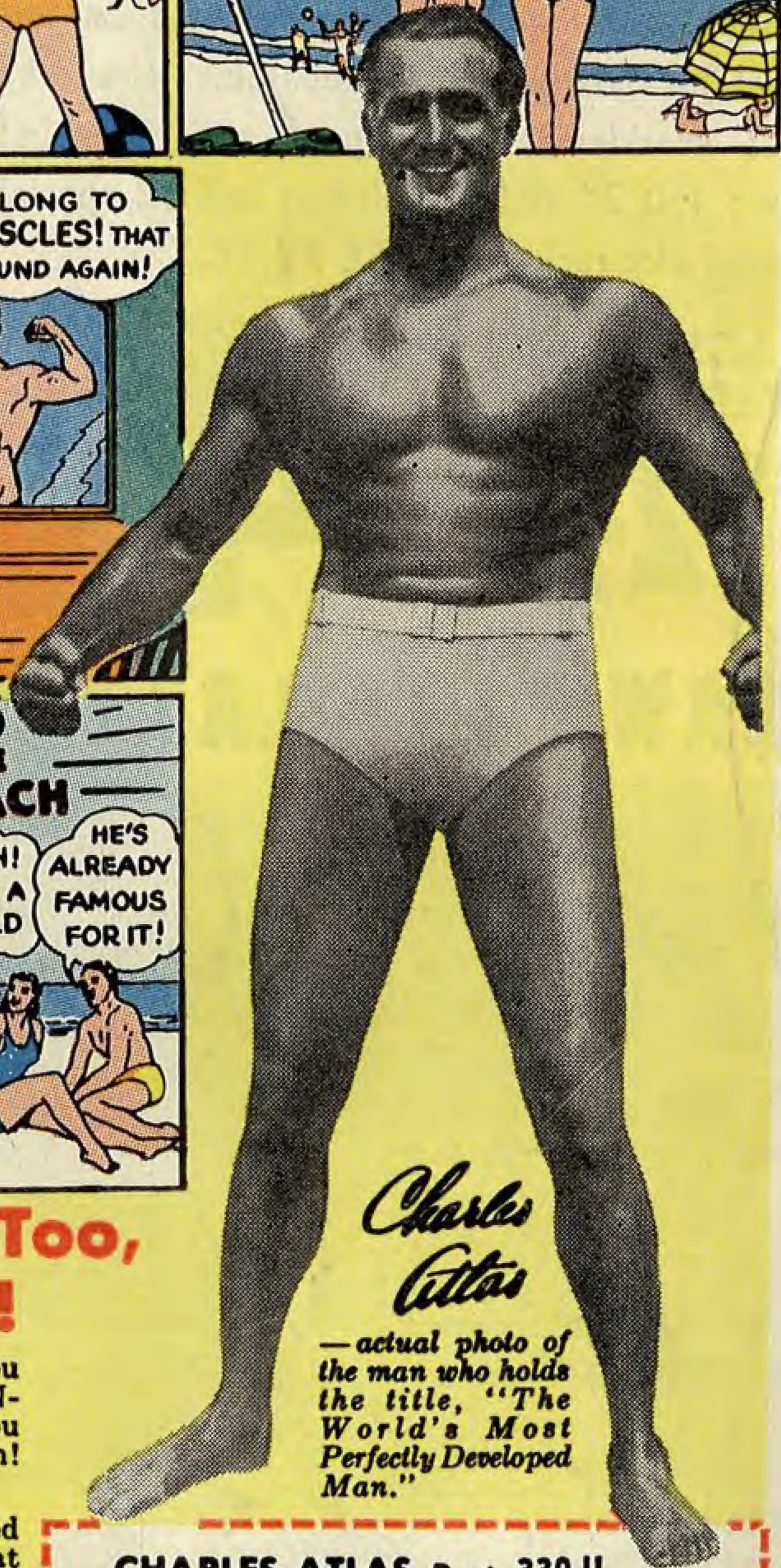
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